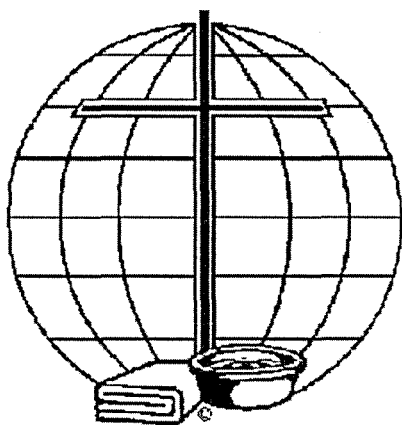


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# **Convention Of Original Free Will Baptists**



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**Central  
Minutes  
of the  
267<sup>th</sup> Annual Session  
of the  
Central Conference  
of  
Original Free Will Baptists**

**Held at  
Black Jack Original Free Will Baptist Church  
Pitt County, North Carolina  
Thursday, November 5, 2015  
The Reverend Phillip Boykin, Host Pastor**

**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 Mark Hobbs (2016)      The Reverend Dustin Bannister (2020)  
The Reverend Dr. Franklin Baggett (2017)      The Reverend Gary Bailey (2019)  
The Reverend Johnny Sullivan (2018)

**Board of Trustees**  
Mrs. Linda Weathersby (2016)      Mr. Irvin Mizzell, Jr. (2018)  
Mr. Stearle Pittman (2017)

**Central**

**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 Tony Glass (2017)  
The Reverend Carlton Oakley (2015)

**Memorial Committee**

Mrs. Virginia Holmes (2016)                      Mrs. Barbara Wilson (2018)  
The Reverend Keith Gardner (2017)

**Conference Historian**

The Reverend Dr. Michael Pelt (2015)

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

The Reverend Ray Williamson (2017)

**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 Greg Barnes (2018)  
The Reverend Bill Groce (2017)

**Ministry Care Committee**

The Reverend Roger Haithcock (2016)                      The Reverend Todd Sutton (2018)  
The Reverend Dr. John Hill (2017)

## Proceedings

### Preliminary Gathering

The Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists gathered for its 267th Annual Session at Black Jack OFWB Church on Thursday, November 5, 2015. Registration took place from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. The host church provided space for denominational ministries to set up displays and to have ministry representatives available to meet and greet Conference attendees prior to the opening session and in-between sessions. Ministry representatives were also given an opportunity to share information about their ministries in the sanctuary from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

### Opening Session

The Opening Session began in the sanctuary at 5:00 p.m. The session opened with the congregation singing “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee.”

Mr. Michael Arthur read Psalm 133:1-3 and led in prayer.

The Reverend Barry Williamson, Assistant Clerk, called the 267th Annual Session to order. The Reverend Phillip Boykin, Pastor of Black Jack OFWB Church, extended words of welcome to the Conference.

Visitors were recognized by The Reverend Kelley Smart, Assistant Moderator.

The Conference offering was received.

The Reverend Bryant Hines, Moderator, noted that there would not be a Moderator’s Address in order to give more time to the Keynote Speaker. He also noted that there would not be a Memorial Service since no Central Conference Ministers had died in the last year. Reverend Hines also instructed each person present at the Conference to take time to read and review the various reports in the Report Book (Clerk, Treasurer, Board of Ordination, Church Growth and Evangelism) before the Evening Session since the reports would not be read aloud. During the Approval of Various Reports later in the Evening Session, the moderator will ask for a motion and a second to approve the reports, but will not call for each report to be read aloud. This will save valuable Conference time. The moderator also noted there would not be a Roll Call of Churches or a Roll Call of Ministers since this information is gleaned through Conference Registration before the Opening Session. This will also save valuable Conference time.

The moderator appointed temporary committees needed to conduct our Conference.

Nominating: The Reverend Mark Hobbs (Chair), The Reverend Josh Hobgood, and The Reverend Roger Halthcock

Resolutions: The Reverend Doug Skinner (Chair), The Reverend Doug Tyson and Reverend Glenn Batten

Parliamentarian: The Reverend Doctor John Hill

There were no newly licensed or newly ordained ministers present to be recognized.

The Reverend Kelley Smart introduced our Keynote Speaker, The Reverend Doctor John Blackwell, who spoke on the topic of “Equipping the Saints for Lives of Service.” Doctor Blackwell is Dean of the Chapel at the University of Mount Olive.

Blessings were offered for the evening meal and the Conference was dismissed to eat and fellowship together for the next hour.

### Evening Session

After the evening meal, the Evening Session opened in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. with the congregation singing “Send the Light.”

Various reports were presented during this session.

The Reverend Tom Malin, Treasurer, reported that the Conference offering totaled \$517.00.

The Reverend Doctor John Hill spoke on behalf of the Minister Care Committee. He explained how this ministry works, how coverage works and the relationship the Conference has with CareNet Counseling East. He then made a motion to expand this ministry to include spouses of ministers and children in the immediate family. The motion was seconded and carried.

The moderator noted again that all the Conference reports are in the Report Book and have been available for review since Registration. He brought attention to the Clerk’s Report which consists of the Conference Executive Committee Reports from throughout the year. He noted that a motion to receive the Clerk’s Report will also include adopting a recommendation by the Executive Committee for the Conference to make a donation of \$1000 to the OFWB Press. This recommendation is recorded in the October 13, 2015 Minutes of the Executive Committee on page 3 of the Report Book. After explaining this recommendation, a motion was made and seconded to approve the Clerk’s Report including the donation to the OFWB Press. Motion was carried.

The moderator called attention to the Treasurer’s Report on pages 6-8. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer’s Report and the proposed budget for 2015-16 on page 8. Motion carried.

## Central

The moderator called attention to the Report of the Board of Ordination on pages 4-5. Motion was made and seconded to approve this report. One question was asked to define a "Provisional Certificate of License." This question was answered by the moderator. Motion to adopt the report was carried.

The moderator called attention to the Church Growth and Evangelism Committee Report on page 9. Motion was made and seconded to approve this report. Motion carried.

The Reverend Doctor Franklin Baggett, Chairman of the Central Conference Board of Ordination announced that there would be an Ordination Service Sunday at 3:00 p.m. at Friendship OFWB Church. Ministers and members of the Conference were encouraged to attend.

The moderator opened the floor for New Business. Conference Parliamentarian, The Reverend Doctor John Hill, noted that the Conference Constitution and Bylaws are in need of updating. He made a motion that the Executive Committee appoint a Revisions Committee to update the Constitution and Bylaws. The moderator clarified Reverend Doctor Hill's intention that this revision be completed by the next Session of the Conference. Motion was carried.

The moderator called for the Report of the Nominating Committee which is on page 15 of the Report Book. Reverend Mark Hobbs came forward to note two changes to the report. He noted that for the Trustees, Mrs. Barbara Mills passed away and a replacement is needed. He recommended Mrs. Linda Weathersby and noted her term would go through 2016 to fulfill the term of Mrs. Mills. Also, under Credentials Committee, he noted that the person to join the committee would be Reverend Tony Glass instead of Reverend Josh Hobgood—reason being that Reverend Josh Hobgood is already on the committee. Motion was made and seconded to place these names as amended into nomination. The floor was opened for any additional nominations. Motion was made and seconded that nominations cease and to elect by acclamation. Motion was carried.

The Credentials Committee reported that in attendance were 10 registered visitors, 39 ordained ministers, 3 licensed ministers, and 43 delegates. The Committee noted that it was suspected that some people in attendance did not register and that the estimated total attendance was 135. Motion to approve this report was seconded and carried.

The moderator recognized the Resolutions Committee and Reverend Kelley Smart, who was standing in for Reverend Doug Skinner. The Resolutions Committee submitted the following resolution for consideration: "Be it resolved that the 267<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists give a rising vote of thanks to the Black Jack Original Free Will Baptist Church for extending its hospitality and kindness to the visitors, delegates and ministers of said Conference. Respectfully submitted, Reverends Doug Skinner, Glenn Batten and Doug Tyson." Motion to adopt this resolution was seconded and carried.

The moderator called on The Reverend Barry Williamson to present Certificates of Service to Central Conference ministers for their dedicated service to the Lord. The following ministers were recognized:

Reverend J.B. Narron—65 Years  
Reverend Leon Grubbs—40 Years  
Reverend Mark Hobbs—35 years  
Reverend Phillip Boykin—35 Years  
Reverend Thomas Bowen—25 years  
Reverend Joey Williams—20 years

The moderator called attention to one misprint in the bulletin containing the Order of Service for the Conference. The 268<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists will meet on Thursday, November 10, 2016 at Rose of Sharon Original Free Will Baptist Church—not on November 3 as was printed.

## Worship Celebration

The Worship Celebration began immediately after the Evening Session. The Celebration began with the congregation singing "Revive Us Again."

Wonderful special music was provided by a group from Black Jack OFWB Church.

The Reverend Doctor John Blackwell, spoke on the topic of "Equipping the Saints for Lives of Service: Part 2." After this, Doctor Blackwell led in a Service of Holy Communion.

The Conference was closed in prayer by The Reverend Kelley Smart.

The 268<sup>th</sup> Conference plans to reconvene Thursday, November 10, 2016 at Rose of Sharon Original Free Will Baptist Church in Robersonville, NC.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Reverend Bryant Hines, Moderator  
The Reverend Barry Williamson, Assistant Clerk

(No memorial service because we were blessed not lose any Central Conference Ministers this year.)

**February 3, 2015 Central Conference Executive Board Meeting**  
**Free Union OFWB Walstonburg, NC**

Those present: Bryant Hines, Kelley Smart, Barry Williamson, Tom Malin, Todd Sutton

1. Reviewed aspects of Central Conference of 2014. Discussed positives as well as negatives of the conference. Made suggestions of possible changes for the next conference.
  - Discussed possibly sending surveys to churches to give input on time changes and adjustments.
    - Considered a mail out to those who came with critique of last year
  - Ministries had about 10 minutes to speak between 4-5:00
  - Discussed venue of Black Jack and layout for this year's conference meeting
  - Discussed how last year's went with registration.
  - Discussed the balance in the account
  - Review of conference comparisons will be made with 2013 and 2014 conferences to previous conferences.
2. Discussed Carenet and minister's spouse being added to the provision being a positive addition.
3. Reviewed receipts as of December 31, 2014.
4. Executive discussion was made regarding a licensed minister and possible action taken by the church who recommended the candidate for licensing.

Dismissed in prayer

**April 21, 2015 Central Conference Executive Board Meeting**  
**Free Union OFWB, Walstonburg, NC**

Those present: Bryant Hines, Kelley Smart, Barry Williamson, Tom Malin, Todd Sutton

1. Initial dialogue
  - Devotion by Bryant Hines. Complacency is something to be on guard against in ministry and leadership.
  - Prayer by Tom Malin
  - Tom presented account information
  - Motion made and seconded to accept treasurers report. Kelley made motion, seconded by Barry.
  - Conversation regarding Conference suggestive changes.
  - Discussed attendance numbers and how to draw the participation of more people.
  - Bryant suggested allowing Dr. Blackwell to speak.
    - Dr. Blackwell voted to be guest speaker.
  - In preparation for Conference, we need begin advertising the schedule for Central Conference with registration information.
  - It was decided to have letters for convention (Send the minutes and financial reports).
  - Carenet issues were addressed. No action taken. Only information was provided.
  - Scheduling regarding the conference was discussed.
    - Registration 4:30
    - memorial service
    - few remarks
    - business session
    - opening session with Blackwell
    - meal
    - final session with Blackwell
    - Communion
  - Discussed layout of Black Jack buildings and activities in relation to Central Conference 2015.
  - No reports will be verbally given.
  - Minutes from previous meeting read and approved. Corrections need to be made.
- II. Old Business Information shared with previous churches and issues pertaining
  - Concerns were shared regarding two conference churches.
  - Central Conference – November 5, 2015 (The first Thursday after the first Sunday in the month of November).
  - Suggested that we wait until Convention to see what Dr. Blackwell will speak about at convention before trying to nail him down with a subject.
- III. New Business
  - A walk-through meeting at Black Jack meeting needs to be scheduled.
  - Discussed concerns with one of the Central Conference Churches.

Dismissed in prayer

**August 13, 2015 Central Conference Executive Board Meeting**  
**Black Jack OFWB, Greenville, NC**

Those present: Bryant Hines, Kelley Smart, Barry Williamson, Tom Malin, Todd Sutton

Central

- Arrival and discussion
  - Began with walk through of premises
  - Opening Prayer and devotion – Tom Malin
  - Discussion for nominating Committee
    1. Mark Hobbs – chairman
    2. Josh Hobgood
    3. Roger Haitcock
  - Resolutions Committee – conversation
    - Memorial Committee - Charles Russell (2015), Ray Williamson (2016) and Keith Gardner (2017)
    - Parliamentarian - John Hill
    - Resolution Committee - Doug Skinner, chairman, Doug Tyson, and Glenn Batten
    - Todd – contact to ask to serve on the Resolutions Committee
  - Committees for Nominating Committee
    - Church growth
    - Credentials
    - Board of trustees
    - 1 for ordination
    - 1 for church growth
- I. Discussion of feedback from previous conversations and other input for conference consideration.
- Recommended for the press to be upfront and straight about the current condition of the Press
  - Dr. Blackwell is the keynote speaker for Conference, thus the committee did not want to any Press information shared to take away from Dr. Blackwell's presentation.
  - Kelley shared about Dr. Blackwell's desire to better equip the laity to come along the pastors to put aspects in their hands
  - "A Conference for the Laity" – possible theme for conference
    - The maturing church
    - Crisis brings maturity if the problem is addressed - as laity is set apart to serve
    - Dealing with issues in the church is mandatory
    - Members are on the same status when coming to the church
    - What does being a member of the body of Christ mean for a layperson
      - "To do the work of the ministry"
  - Discussed Conference Schedule

Dismissed in prayer

10/13/15 Central Conference Executive Board Meeting  
Skylight Inn Restaurant, Ayden NC

Those present: Kelley Smart, Tom Malin, Todd Sutton

Meeting Called to Order. Kelley had devotion, followed by prayer.

1. Discussed the current status of the Original Free Will Baptist Press. A donation of \$1000 was suggested from the Conference to assist the Press in their endeavors in light of recent efforts. This would have to be approved by the Conference at its annual session.
2. Highlighted Conference Schedule and information.
3. Reviewed necessary components for Report Book.
4. Kelley would prepare the bulletin for Conference.

Dismissed in prayer

North Carolina Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists  
Report of the Board of Ordination  
November 5, 2015

Central Conference Board of Ordination

Rev. Dr. Franklin Baggett, Chairman  
Rev. Johnny Sullivan  
Rev. Tony Glass, Secretary

Rev. Mark Hobbs  
Rev. Gary Bailey

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



Central

*The following were approved by the Board of Ordination for licensing:*

John Wiggins

Charles Branch, Jr.

*The following were dropped from the list of Licensed Ministers:*

Stan Ashy

Marci Smart

The Reverend Matthew Forrest was ordained into the Gospel Ministry of the Central Conference.

The Reverend Van Mitchell, Jr. was issued a Provisional Certificate of Ordination as he works toward ordination as an Original Free Will Baptist Minister of the Central Conference.

Stewart Humphrey has been dropped from the list of duly ordained ministers of the Central Conference.

The Reverend Alan Price of the Cape Fear Conference was given clearance to serve as pastor of Peace Free Will Baptist Church.

Anyone who wishes to meet with the Board of Ordination should contact either the chairman or a member of the board prior to the scheduled meeting. 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:

Tuesday January 12, 2016

Tuesday April 12, 2016

Tuesday July 12, 2016

Tuesday October 11, 2016.

The Board of Ordination will conduct a mandatory workshop for all Licensed Ministers and ministers holding a Provisional Certificate of Ordination at Elm Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church Saturday February 27, 2016 at 9 am. All Licensed Ministers and those holding a Provisional Certificate of Ordination must attend at least one 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 meet the educational requirements set forth by the Conference of November 8, 2007 and 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.'***" These ordained ministers must be ministers approved by the Central Conference Board of Ordination.
5. The Central Conference gives a Christian flag to the family of a deceased ordained minister.
6. All Ordained Ministers of the Central Conference must maintain membership in an Original Free Will Baptist Church.

## Central Conference Treasurer's Report November 5, 2015

Balance From November 1, 2014

\$10,896.46

## Receipts

2014 Conference Offering	\$355.00
2014 Conference Church Contributions	\$1,876.00
2014 Conference Church Contributions since Conference	\$754.00
2014-15 Ministers Dues	\$480.00
2014-15 Ministers Dues since Conference	\$90.00
2015-16 Conference Church Contributions	\$3,163.00
2015-16 Conference Church Contributions since Conference	
2015-16 Ministers Dues	\$1,210.00
2015-16 Ministers Dues since Conference	
Transferred from Maury Endowment	\$151.13
Transferred from Endowment Fund	\$1,209.03
Miscellaneous (Weathersby love offering)	\$1,373.00

Total	\$10,661.16
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Total to account for in Checking Account	\$21,557.62
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## Disbursements

PNC Bank (Bank Charges)	\$44.90
Conference Clerk	\$100.00
Conference Treasurer	\$100.00
Executive Committee Expenses	\$470.18
(Meals, travel, telephone, etc)	
Convention of FWB (Year Book)	\$1,259.40
Office Supplies (and Board of Ordination)	\$163.73
Church Growth Expenses (Saratoga OFWB Church)	\$500.00
Ministry Care Committee Expenses	\$1,165.00
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	
Jack Weathersby Love Offering	\$1,373.00

Total Disbursements	\$9,426.21
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Total in Checking account as of October 31, 2015	\$12,131.41
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## Central Conference Endowment Fund (Church Finance) \$60,000.00

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

Interest 12-31-14	\$304.52
Interest 03-31-15	\$300.00
Interest 06-30-15	\$301.50
Interest 09-30-15	\$303.01

Total	\$61,209.03
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Xfer to Checking Account	12/31/14	\$304.52
	\$1209.03	

Total (Current)	\$60,904.51
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## Maury Endowment Fund For Annual Training Conference (Church Finance) \$7,500.00

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

Interest 12-31-14	\$38.07
Interest 03-31-15	\$37.50

	Central		
	Interest 06-30-15	\$37.69	
	Interest 09-30-15	\$37.87	
Total			\$7,651.13
	Xfer to Checking Account	12/31/14	\$38.07
		\$151.13	
Total (Current)			\$7,613.06

Note: Interest from the Endowment Funds are transferred to the Checking Account each January

Central Conference Savings Account (Church Finance)	10/31/14 \$56379.34	Interest \$565.91	\$56,945.25
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NC Foundation Endowment for Central Conference Scholarships \$12,050.00

TOTAL OF ALL MONIES \$149,644.23

	Central 2014-15 Budget	10/31/2015 Actual	2015-16 Proposed
<b>INCOME</b>			
Church Contributions	5000.00	5793.00	5000.00
Conference Offering	500.00	355.00	500.00
Endowment Income	1500.00	1360.16	1500.00
Interest			
Ministers Membership Dues	1500.00	1780.00	1500.00
Miscellaneous	250.00	1373.00	250.00
Transfer from Savings	5800.00		4800.00
Monies from Money Market			
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>14550.00</b>	<b>10661.16</b>	<b>13550.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Bank Charges (PNC)	100.00	44.90	100.00
Board of Ordination	200.00	5.10	200.00
Church Growth Committee	2000.00	500.00	1000.00
Conference	1500.00		500.00
Continuing Educ. Committee	1000.00		500.00
Convention of OFWB Support	750.00	750.00	750.00
Ministry Care Committee	2000.00	1165.00	3500.00
Convention-- OFWB Yearbook	1000.00	1259.40	1000.00
Executive Committee	500.00	470.18	500.00
Office Supplies	300.00	158.63	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	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
Foreign Missions	2000.00	2000.00	2000.00
Miscellaneous	500.00	1373.00	500.00
Non-Budgeted Items	1000.00		1000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>14550.00</b>	<b>9426.21</b>	<b>13550.00</b>

Central  
**2015 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 their students in attending a Student Life Mission Camp at Lee University in Tennessee. The mission camp helped to better equip students to interact with people outside of their familiar circle and share the gospel as they have opportunities as disciples of Jesus Christ. The students come back from this camp with a regenerated passion for serving Jesus and the Kingdom.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Reverend Greg Barnes  
The Reverend Jack Weathersby  
The Reverend Bill Groce

**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 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, Keith Phillips and Michel Pelt

**Ministers Contributions as of 10/29/2015**

<b><u>ORDAINED MINISTERS</u></b>		<b><u>Ordained</u></b>	<b><u>2014-15 Dues</u></b>	<b><u>2015-16 Dues</u></b>
Baggett	Frankie	10/22/1987	Pd	\$30.00
Bailey	Gary	7/12/1972	Pd	
Ball	Clifford	8/20/1981	Pd	\$30.00
Bannister	Dustin	9/26/2010	Pd	
Barnes	Greg	8/11/2013	Pd	
Batten	Glenn	10/25/2008	Pd	\$30.00
Boswell	Marc	1/8/2006	Pd	\$30.00
Bowen	Thomas	11/25/1990	Pd	\$30.00
Boykin	Phillip	12/7/1980	Pd	\$30.00
Bradbury	Carroll	8/23/1992	Pd	\$30.00
Branch	Charles	1/5/1969	Retired	
Braxton	Ronald	2/3/1983	Retired	\$30.00
Buck	Stanley	9/17/1976	Pd	
Cockrell	Frank	11/7/1999	Pd	\$30.00
Flowers	Frank	6/2/1972	Pd	
Forrest	Matthew			Exempt
Gardner	Keith		Pd	\$30.00
Glass	Tony	3/28/1999	Pd	\$35.00
Groce	Bill	9/16/2012	Pd	\$30.00
Grubbs	Leon	9/5/1968	Pd	
Grubbs	Harry	2/24/1967	Pd	
Haithcock	Roger	8/26/2001	Pd	
Hill	John	6/4/2004	Pd	\$30.00
Hines	Bryant	6/7/1979	Pd	
Hobbs	Mark	11/20/1980	Pd	\$30.00
Hobgood	Ronnie	8/13/1978	Pd	\$30.00
Hobgood	Joshua	1/13/2013	Pd	\$30.00
Humphrey	Stewart	11/10/1966	Retired	\$30.00
Jackson	Kevin	12/26/1982	Pd	\$30.00
Jones	Bruce	9/5/1971	Pd	
Jones	Ernest			
Keener	Alvin		Pd	
Letchworth	Larry	8/23/1992	Pd	\$30.00
Malin	Tom	5/15/2011	Pd	\$30.00
Miller	Tom	7/2/1967	Retired	
Mohn	Ronnie	Mar-80	Pd	\$30.00
Moore	Melvin	12/31/1959	Retired	
Narron	J. B.	10/13/1950	Retired	
Oakley	Carlton	12/5/2010	Pd	\$30.00
Owens	Doug	5/6/2001	Pd	\$60.00
Owens	James	11/10/1981	Pd	\$30.00
Owens	Spencer	9/23/2012	Pd	\$30.00

		Central		
Pelt	Michael	9/30/1950	Retired	
Phillips	Keith	9/17/2010	Pd	
Price	Arnold	1969	Pd	\$30.00
Raper	Jacky	6/8/1988	Pd	\$30.00
Ribeiro	Donald	10/27/1983	Pd	
Rowell	Michael	5/15/2005	Pd	
Russell	Charles	11/21/2004	Pd	\$30.00
Simpson	John	4/29/2001	Retired	
Skinner	Doug	7/2/1972	Pd	\$30.00
Skipper	Jim	7/28/2013	Pd	
Smart	Kelley	2/27/2005	Pd	\$30.00
Sullivan	Johnny	5/21/2000	Pd	\$30.00
Sutton	Todd	2/11/1996	Pd	\$30.00
Sutton	Charles	8/14/2005	Pd	\$30.00
Taylor	Bobby	11/2/1973	Pd	\$30.00
Thornton	Edward	3/10/1981		\$30.00
Tucker	Grady	12/6/1978	Retired	\$30.00
Tyson	Doug	10/16/2005	Pd	
Weathersby	Jack	2/27/1994	Pd	\$35.00
Williams	Joey	1/15/1995	Pd	
Williamson	Ray	5/11/1977	Pd	\$30.00
Williamson	Brad	6/28/1998	Pd	Transferred
Williamson	Barry	9/17/2000	Pd	
Wood	Philip	5/12/1979	Pd	
Provisional				
Woolard	Michael		Pd	\$30.00
Mitchell	Van			Exempt
TOTAL				\$1,210.00

Central  
Central Conference Church Contributions  
(As of 10/28/15)

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



Central  
2015 Central Conference Nominating Committee Report

- Ordaining Board—5 year term—2016 thru 2020  
Off—Tony Glass  
On—Dustin Bannister
  
- Trustees—3 year term—2016 thru 2018  
Off—Irvin Mizzell, Jr.  
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- Credentials—3 year term—2016 thru 2018  
Off—Ronnie Mohn  
On—Joshua Hobgood
  
- Memorial—3 year term—2016 thru 2018  
Off—Ray Williamson  
On—Barbara Wilson
  
- Historian—2 year term—2016 thru 2017  
Off—Michael Pelt  
On—Michael Pelt
  
- Church Finance—2 year term—2016 thru 2017  
Off—Marci Rollins-Smart  
On—Ray Williamson
  
- Church Growth—3 year term—2016 thru 2018  
Off—Greg Barnes  
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- Ministry Care—3 year term—2016 thru 2018  
Off—Todd Sutton  
On—Todd Sutton

Submitted by: Mark Hobbs  
Roger Haithcock  
Joshua Hobgood