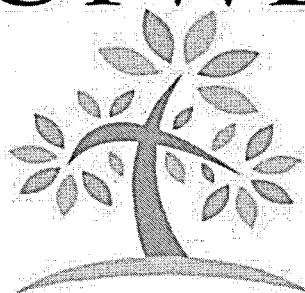


The 108th Annual Report of the
**CONVENTION OF
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

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Growing in Grace

2016-2021

Ministry & Conference Report Book

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**The 271st Annual Session of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists
Greenville First OFWB Church
November 7, 2019**

The 271st Annual Session of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists convened at Greenville First Original Free Will Baptist Church on Thursday, November 7th at 9:00 a.m.

The 271st Annual Session was officially called to order by the Rev. Josh Hobgood.

The welcome and invocation were given by Dr. Franklin Baggett, Assistant Moderator.

The congregation joined in worship by singing "How Great is Our God".

The Reverend Barry Williamson gave the moderator's address using Matthew 4:18-22 as his scripture reference. He mentioned that as God's people and churches we need to "Carry the Name of Jesus" so that people might come to know the salvation found in that name.

The Rev. Keith Gardner, Pastor of Greenville First OFWB Church, greeted all in attendance on behalf of the host church.

The Rev. Josh Hobgood, clerk, offered greetings to visitors and recognized all visitors in attendance. He asked all ministers to stand and state their name and place of service. He then asked all visiting ministers to stand and state their place of service.

The Rev. Barry Williamson, moderator, appointed temporary committees as follows:

Parliamentarian: The Rev. Gary Bailey

Resolutions: The Rev. Ronnie Hobgood

The Rev. Dr. David Hines

The Rev. Glenn Batten

Nominating: The Rev. Kelley Smart

The Rev. Dr. Keith Garnder

The Rev. Roger Haithcock

The Clerk's report was given by the Rev. Josh Hobgood. By motion the report was adopted.

The Treasurer's report was given by the Rev. Tom Malin. By motion the report was adopted.

The Treasurer then presented the 2019-2020 Central Conference budget. By motion the budget was adopted.

The Board of Ordination report was given by the Rev. Dustin Bannister. By motion the report was adopted.

The Rev. John Hill presented a report of information from the Minister Care Committee. This was accepted as information.

Time was given to greet newly licensed and ordained ministers during a break

The Rev. Todd Sutton recognized ministers for their years of service and gave out certificates of Recognition to Rev. Melvin Moore (60), Rev. Charles Branch (50), Rev. Phillip Wood (40), Rev. Jack Weathersby (25), Rev. Charlie Carroll (25), Rev. Tony Glass (20), Rev. Frank Cockrell (20).

The Rev. Kelly Smart presented the Nominating Committee Report. The report was accepted. By motion nominations were ceased and elected by acclamation.

At this time a short break was taken.

The Morning Worship Service began with the Rev. Bill Groce reading scripture and leading in the opening prayer.

The congregation joined in the singing of "Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone."

The Rev. Tom Malin lead the offertory prayer.

Special Music was provided by the Conference Music Group consisting of the Rev. Josh Hobgood, Rev. Stephen Prescott and Adam Denton.

The Rev. Dr. Franklin Baggett introduced the Keynote speaker, the Rev. Justin Barnett, Pastor of Jackson Heights OFWB Church.

The Rev. Justin Barnett gave the Key Note address, "Why Does Your Church Exist?," from Jonah 4:11.

The Congregation sang the hymn of commitment "Send the Light."

The Rev. Keith Gardner gave the report of the Memorial Committee. The Rev. John Simpson and minister's wife Marie Narron, were recognized.

Conference participants were dismissed to attend one of six workshops that were offered. Each of the workshops centered on the theme of the Conference – "Carry the Name: Encouraging Evangelism in our Local Churches."

Lunch was served in the Fellowship Hall.

A piano recitation was given by Kwan Yi, the music director at Greenville First OFWB Church and Assistant Professor of Piano at East Carolina University.

The final business session was called to order by the Rev. Barry Williamson.

The Resolutions Committee report was given by the Rev. Ronnie Hobgood. By motion it was adopted.

1. Be it resolved that the 271st Annual Session of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptist give a rising vote of thanks to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville, NC for extending its hospitality and kindness to the delegates and visitors of said conference.
2. Whereas we have given ourselves to God and have covenanted to join one another as Original Free Will Baptists,
3. Be It Therefore Resolved
 1. That we renew our commitment to the historic doctrine, polity, and covenant of the Original Free Will Baptists of the English General Baptist Heritage, and
 2. That we accept our calling to adopt the word of God as our rule for faith and practice, and
 3. That we manifest Christian integrity in all areas of life, including abstaining from addicting and intoxicating substances and beverages.

The Credentials Committee Report was given by the Rev. Keith Phillips. By motion it was adopted.

There was no Old Business.

The Reverend Barry Williamson opened the Conference up for new business.

The Rev. Dr. John Hill made a motion that the Central Conference Executive Committee and the Board of Church Planting and Renewal work together to develop a relationship with the campus of East Carolina University and to investigate developing an Original Free Will Baptist ministry on campus. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Reports were given from Denominational and Ancillary Ministries beginning with instructions from the Rev. Ronnie Hobgood, President of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

1. Church Growth and Revitalization – Rev. Dr. Franklin Baggett
 - a. Pray for Church Planting and Renewal
 - b. Let's go plant some churches
2. Cragmont – Mrs. Angela Maddox
 - a. Story 1 – Boy who lost mom two days before Camp
 - b. Story 2 – Boy who had a tumor but God healed it and they celebrated that at camp
 - c. Story 3 – Two girls trading shoes at camp (one girl only had one pair that broke)
 - d. Camp is an eternal investment
 - e. Pray and continue to support
3. Children's Home – Rev. Richard Cuddington
 - a. Friends of Children event went great
 - i. All invited to come and see the ministry of the Children's home
 - b. September 30 – Adoption license received
 - c. Capitol Campaign to build two new cottages
 - i. Need help and support
 - d. Next Year May 2020 – 100th anniversary of the Children's home
 - e. Thank you for prayers and support
4. Minister's Program - Rev. Don Fader
 - a. Ministers need to get involved
 - i. Please prepare yourselves for retirement
 - b. Delegates
 - i. They send gifts to ministers 65 and older
 - ii. The amount depends on how much is given
 - c. Thank you
5. Retirement Home given by Rev. Keith Phillips
 - a. Discussed the Disability Equipment Availability Program
 - b. If you have anything that can help at your churches please donate them to the retirement home
 - c. 18 Clients
 - d. Please pray
 - e. Sang Happy Birthday to Kay Jones
6. Christian Education Mrs. Gail Heath
 - a. Thank you for prayers and support
 - b. Life Conference Coming Up March 7th
 - i. Life Conference will follow the evangelism theme
 - ii. Moved the Sunday teacher and superintendent of the year to May
 - c. Their goal is to equip churches to make disciples
 - d. Pray and come to the Life Conference

- e. \$10,000 toward camp scholarships through Church giving
- f. Ladies Retreat January 30 – February 2
- g. Thank you for prayers
- h. Please take advantage of Right Now Media
- 7. University of Mount Olive Rev. Dr. David Hines
 - a. Homecoming Annual Tournament Coming Up Soon
 - b. UMO here to serve
 - i. Students
 - ii. Founding church
 - iii. And Communities
 - c. New Programs
 - i. Human Services
 - ii. Counseling Psychology
 - iii. Nursing Program
 - iv. Family Nurse Practitioner
 - d. It takes work, but it needs to be done
 - e. Pray
 - f. 2800 students
- 8. Foreign Missions Rev. Harold Jones
 - a. Because of you we have work in 8 different countries
 - b. Gospel being spread
 - c. Please invite us to speak at your church
 - d. Only ministry we have that works outside of the country
- 9. Vandamere Mr. Richard Allen
 - a. Doing great
 - b. Survived another hurricane
 - c. Encouraged us to come down
- 10. FWB Press Rev. Dr. John Hill
 - a. Can now print large banners
 - b. Please stop by our store and see what we have to offer you

By motion the conference was adjourned.

The 271st Annual Session of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists was officially adjourned and the benediction given by the Rev. Barry Williamson
The participants were then dismissed to attend one of six workshops that were offered.

The 272nd Annual Session of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists is scheduled to convene at Ormondsville Original Free Will Baptist Church on November 12, 2020.

Executive Committee Report

Central Conference Executive Committee Meeting Winterville December 3, 2018

The Central Conference Executive Committee met in Winterville, NC at The Biscuit and The Bean.

Those present were the Reverends Barry Williamson, Tom Malin, Todd Sutton, Bill Groce, and Dr. Frankie Baggett.

The Rev. Barry Williamson moderator gave a devotion from the book of Daniel. He reminded us that God can do great and mighty things as he works through us. We need to remember that it is God working through us. We need to remain humble and give all the praise to God.

We had a lengthy and thorough discussion and evaluation of the recent Annual Central Conference meeting which was held at La Grange FWB in November 2018. The hospitality of La Grange FWB was greatly appreciated and the meal was enjoyed by all. Some funding was given to La Grange to help toward the expenses of the meal. It was noted that the shorter Conference format did not provide as much time for fellowship with fellow ministers. Many thoughts and ideas were shared that will be used in planning the 2019 conference.

There was a discussion about the roll call of ministers and ministers signing in as a part of the registration process.

We evaluated the registration process at La Grange Church. We discussed using the file box method of registration instead of the notebook method or have multiple notebooks for different sections of the alphabet.

It was mentioned that the Board of Ordination needs to receive a report of the ministers who attended the Conference and those who were absent. It was decided to send a list of the attendance of ministers to the ordination board by January 8, 2019.

It was decided that churches that did not make the required financial contribution to support the work of the Conference will be notified in January 2019.

We discussed using lanyards for 2019 Conference.

It was suggested to evaluate software to do photo ID for ministers with pictures.

We discussed the music at the conference.

We discussed a call received from a Central Conference church wanting to fill the pulpit using a non-OFWB minister.

We discussed creating a list of ministers available for interim or pulpit supply. We also discussed finding the booklet the Central Conference had prepared in the past to guide a church during a pastoral search. We discussed creating a packet to mail/email to churches without pastors giving them guidance and introducing ourselves.

A motion was approved to ask the Board of Ordination to be in charge of presenting the Christian Flag to the Family of a deceased Original Free Will Baptist Pastor.

A motion was made to adjourn.

Our next Meeting will be at Harrell's Chapel OFWB if space is available.

**Central Conference Executive Committee Meeting
Harrell's Chapel OFWB Church, Snow Hill
January 28, 2019**

The Central Conference Executive Committee met in Snow Hill, NC at Harrell's Chapel

Those present were the Reverends Barry Williamson, Bill Groce, Frankie Baggett, Josh Hobgood, Todd Sutton, & Tom Malin.

The Rev. Barry Williamson opened with a devotion about Daniel and the Lion's Den. The challenge was for us to continue to faithfully minister in these contemporary times where God is not only not a priority, but is openly opposed in society.

The moderator opened in prayer.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

- The committee was updated on ministers who have not paid their dues.
- It was recommended that the executive committee send letters to these ministers.
- There was a discussion on how to store data in the future in regards to registration.
- Several committee members will meet February 7 at Elm Grove to further discuss the future of the conference's data management strategies.
- There was discussion about a Central Conference church.

An update was given from the Board of Ordination and discussion ensued regarding several matters.

A motion was adopted to adjourn.

**Central Conference Executive Committee Meeting
Pine Level Original Free Will Baptist Church, Pine Level
April 16, 2019**

The Central Conference Executive Committee met in Pine Level, NC at Pine Level OFWB Church

Those present were the Reverends Bill Groce, Todd Sutton, Josh Hobgood, Tom Malin, Barry Williamson, Frankie Baggett

The Rev. Barry Williamson opened with thoughts from John 18 and prayer.

The minutes from the last meeting were presented and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and approved.

- The committee discussed the number of ministers that are using Carenet services.
- The committee was updated on the churches and ministers who have not paid their dues.

-It was suggested to personally contact the pastors of these churches.

There was discussion about the February 7th special meeting at Elm Grove about data management.

-We discussed how to best handle registration and data management issues

-We further discussed developing I.D cards for ministers and using lanyards for minister's names at the upcoming conference.

The committee discussed preparations for the upcoming Central Conference.

The meeting was adjourned in time to attend a special meeting at Pine Level about the Convention Services website and possibly revising the Articles of faith.

**Central Conference Executive Committee Meeting
La Grange OFWB Church, La Grange
August 5, 2019**

The Central Conference Executive Committee met in LaGrange, NC at the LaGrange OFWB Church.

Those present were the Reverends Barry Williamson, Bill Groce, Tom Malin, Todd Sutton, Frankie Baggett, Josh Hobgood

The Rev. Barry Williamson opened with a devotion from John 2:1-11 and prayer.

The meeting was called to order.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

-There was discussion about delinquent dues from churches and ministers.

An update was given on the progress of the Central Conference Dropbox.

There was a discussion about a church that has not participated in the Conference for multiple years. We will attempt to contact the church and work out a solution.

A motion was approved to send \$1,500.00 to the Covenant Pastoral Leadership Institute and add this to the budget.

There was a discussion about the Revision Committee for the Articles of Faith of Original Free Will Baptists.

A motion was adopted that Frankie Baggett be the representative from the Central Conference Executive Committee for the Articles of Faith Revision Committee. Tom Malin was selected to be the alternate.

A motion was adopted to ask the Board of Ordination to suggest someone from their board to serve on the Articles of Faith Revision Committee. [Update: The Board of Ordination recommended Dustin Bannister to serve on the Revision Committee].

The committee discussed a potential speaker for the annual conference.

A motion was adopted to contact Justin Barnett about speaking at the annual conference.

There was a discussion about the theme of the conference. We felt the need to focus on evangelism and decided to have a theme based on Acts 9:15—Carry the Name. We had a special time of prayer concerning the upcoming conference and the theme of evangelism.

Our next meeting was scheduled for September 17, 2019 at Greenville OFWB Church.

The committee met with a concerned Central Conference member.

A motion was adopted to adjourn.

**Central Conference Executive Committee Meeting
First OFWB Church, Greenville
September 17, 2019**

The Central Conference Executive Committee met in Greenville, NC at the First FWB Church of Greenville

Those present were the Reverends Barry Williamson, Bill Groce, Frankie Baggett, Josh Hobgood, Todd Sutton, & Tom Malin.

The Rev. Barry Williamson opened with a devotion from John 6. The devotion was followed by prayer.

The meeting was called to order.

The minutes from the previous meeting were presented and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and approved.

There was a discussion about several situations at several Central Conference churches.

A motion was adopted to create a document to help churches end well (i.e. churches who are no longer able to continue their ministries). All committee members will participate in developing this document.

The committee began discussing preparations for the Annual Conference in November.

A motion was adopted to send a letter to denominational and ancillary ministries outlining our expectations for their presentations at the annual Conference.

It was decided to provide at the conference a list of churches alphabetically along with their current ministers.

It was noted that we need to add Jonathan Whitford to Roll of Ministers.

It was also noted that Kevin Jackson transferred to Eastern Conference.

The committee toured First Church Greenville facilities in preparation for Annual Conference.

The moderator appointed the Temporary Committees

- Parliamentarian – Gary Bailey. Alternate-John Hill.
- Resolutions – Ronnie Hobgood-chair, David Hines, Glenn Batten.
- Nominating – Kelley Smart-chair, Keith Gardner, Roger Haithcock.

The moderator reviewed committee members responsibilities for the 2019 conference.

The committee reviewed the financial report and proposed budget.
The Treasurer's Report was approved and the proposed conference budget was approved.

The Executive Committee will meet at 7:30 am the morning of Conference (November 7, 2019) at Greenville 1st FWB

It was decided to offer 6 different evangelism workshops at the conference—one session in the morning and one session in the afternoon.

The schedule for the conference was discussed and adopted.

9:00-10:00	Session 1
10:10-11:10	Worship
	(Offering will be received during Special Music)
11:15-12:00	Evangelism Workshops 1
12:00 – 1:00	Meal
1:15-2:00	Final Business and Denominational Reports
2:15-3:00	Evangelism Workshop 2

The next Central Conference Executive Committee Meeting will be October 22, 2019 at Greenville First FWB at 1:00pm.

**Central Conference Executive Committee Meeting
First OFWB Church, Greenville
October 22, 2019**

The moderator opened in prayer.

The committee discussed the details of the order of events for the upcoming conference.

It was decided to recognize our Central Conference ministers by having them stand and share where they serve and their capacity.

There was a discussion regarding the date of the conference.

The Bylaws state:

5.1 - Day

The Central Conference shall meet in November at a date, time, and place set by the Executive Committee. The date, time, and place shall be communicated to the Conference membership at the previous annual session. (268th session, 11/10/16).

The committee was reminded that we will be doing ID cards for ministers as well as name badges for those in attendance. All ID cards will not be completed ahead of time.

The meeting ended with prayer and the committee performed a walk-thru of the facilities in order to discuss and make preparations for conference.

Central Conference Treasurer's Report, October 2019

Balance from October 31, 2018

\$8,719.89

Receipts

2018 Conference Offering	\$674.00
2018-19 Church Contributions	\$3,480.00
2018-19 Ministers Dues	\$450.00
2019-20 Ministers Dues	\$1,410.00
2019-20 Church Contributions	\$3,676.00
2020-21 Ministers Dues	\$90.00
Transferred from Maury Endowment	\$132.11
Transferred from Endowment Fund	\$1,056.91

Total	\$10,969.02
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Total to account for in Checking Account	\$19,688.91
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Disbursements

PNC (Bank Charges)	
Conference Clerk	\$100.00
Conference Treasurer	\$100.00
Board of Ordination (Background Checks)	
Executive Committee Expenses	\$ 573.87
Conference Expense--La Grange OFWB--Food	\$441.51
Conference Reports/Convention of FWB (Year Book)	\$802.73
Office Supplies (FWB Press,Conference,Stamps)	\$205.44
Church Growth Expenses	
Continuing Education Expenses	
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	
CrossPointe Counseling	\$1,235.00
CareNet	\$2,675.83
Conf. Speak.--Dr. John Hill--Donated \$30 to dues/\$220 to Conference	\$250.00
The Covenant (Ministry Cohort Program)	\$1,500.00

Total Disbursements	\$12,134.38
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Total in Checking account as of October 31, 2019	\$7,554.53
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Central Conference Endowment Fund (APYE 1.75%)	\$60,000.00
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(See minutes from Central Conference 11-09-01, Mission Board & Executive Committee Proposal)

Interest 03-31-19	\$262.50	\$262.50
Interest 06-30-19	\$263.65	\$263.65
Interest 09-30-19	\$264.80	\$264.80
Interest 12-31-19		
Total	\$790.95	\$60,790.95
Xfer to Checking Account		
Total		\$60,790.95

Maury Endowment Fund (For Annual Training Conference) (APYE 1.75%)	\$7,500.00
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(Please see Minutes of Executive Committee September 22, 1988)

Interest 03-31-18	\$32.81	\$32.81
Interest 06-30-18	\$32.96	\$32.96
Interest 09-30-18	\$33.10	\$33.10
Interest 12-31-19		
Total	\$98.87	\$7,598.87
Xfer to Checking Account		
Total		\$7,598.87

Savings Account with Church Finance (APYE 0.75%)	\$58,531.24
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Interest 03-31-18	\$109.75	\$109.75
Interest 06-30-18	109.95	\$109.95
Interest 09-30-18	110.16	\$110.16
Interest 12-31-19		
Total	\$329.86	\$58,861.10

NC Foundation Endowment for Central Conference Scholarships		\$14,050.00
\$500.00		

MARKET VALUE	
03/31/2019	\$15,356.01

Total of All Money	\$143,834.45
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Central Conference Proposed Budget 2019-20

	2018-19 Proposed	2018-19 Actual	2019-20 Proposed
Church Contributions	6200.00	6789.00	6700.00
Conference Offering	500.00	674.00	500.00
Endowment Income	1050.00	1189.02	1189.00
Interest			
Ministers Membership Dues	1700.00	1650.00	1700.00
Miscellaneous	250.00		250.00
Transfer from Savings	5800.00		6800.00
TOTAL INCOME	15500.00	10302.02	17139.00
Bank Charges (PNC)	50.00		50.00
Board of Ordination	300.00		300.00
Church Growth Committee	2000.00		2000.00
Conference	500.00	441.51	500.00
Continuing Ed. Committee	1000.00		1000.00
Convention of OFWB Support	750.00	750.00	750.00
Ministry Care Committee	4000.00	3910.83	4000.00
Convention--OFWB Yearbook	1000.00	802.73	1000.00
Executive Committee	600.00	573.87	700.00
Office Supplies	300.00	205.44	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	250.00	539.00
Non-Budgeted Items	800.00		800.00
The Covenant		1500.00	1500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	15500.00	12134.38	17139.00

Amounts in boxes denotes a change

North Carolina Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists
Report of the Board of Ordination
November 7, 2019

Central Conference Board of Ordination

The Reverend Mark Hobbs, Chairman
The Reverend Dustin Bannister, Vice-Chairman
The Reverend Gary Bailey, Secretary
The Reverend Greg Barnes, Assistant Secretary
The Reverend Philip Wood, Appointment Secretary

The Board of Ordination met five (5) times since the last Conference.

Dropped from the list of Licensed Ministers:

N/A

Added to the list of Licensed Ministers:

Josh Preskitt, Daniels Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church

Ordained and added to the list or ordained ministers

Scott Wright, April 19, 2019 at Little Creek Original Free Will Baptist Church)

Transferred from another Conference and added to the list of ordained ministers

N/A

Granted permission to serve in the bounds of the Central Conference

No Approvals

Requested Transfer to another Conference

N/A

Anyone who wishes to meet with the Board of Ordination should contact **The Chairman, The Reverend Mark Hobbs (Cell 919-607-3002), or The Appointment Secretary, The Reverend Philip Wood (Cell 252-717-5455)** to schedule an appointment to meet with the Board. The 2020 scheduled meetings of the Board of Ordination will be held at the La Grange Original Free Will Baptist Church at 10:00 a.m. on the following dates:

Tuesday - January 7, 2020

Tuesday - April 21, 2020

Tuesday - July 21, 2020

Tuesday - October 6, 2020

The Board of Ordination will conduct a workshop for all Licensed Ministers and ministers holding a Provisional Certificate of Ordination at the First Free Will Baptist Church of La Grange, Saturday, February 22, 2020 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 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 they are required to attend the annual session of the Conference each year. Requests for excusal shall be submitted in writing to the Clerk of the Conference before the Conference, or within thirty days after the Conference for those with unanticipated causes for absence. Ministers who fail to attend the annual Conference physically for three consecutive years shall be subject to lose their credentials.
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. Upon requests, the Central Conference gives a Christian flag to the family of a deceased ordained minister who is a member of the Conference.
6. All Ordained Ministers of the Central Conference must maintain membership in an Original Free Will Baptist Church.
7. The Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists prohibits Central Conference ordained ministers, and any ordained minister from any other Conference serving within the Central Conference, from officiating same gender marriages. Ordained ministers who violate this rule will be subject to the disciplinary actions issued by the Board of Ordination and the minister may lose ordination credentials.
8. Licensed Ministers from any conference are not allowed to be interim pastors in the Central Conference. Licensed Ministers cannot supply speak more than four Sundays in a calendar year in the same congregation, and two of those Sundays must have ninety days separating them.
9. **The Board of Ordination stands ready to help people called to the Gospel Ministry.**

Memorial Committee Report

This year we have two people to remember who have been promoted to glory over the past 12 months.

- John Simpson who passed away on March 16, 2019
- Marie Narron, (wife of the Rev. J.B. Narron) who passed away August 4, 2019.

John Clinton Simpson graduated from Cincinnati Bible Seminary in 1972 and entered full time ministry. He pastored churches in Kentucky, Ohio, Virginia and North Carolina. He last pastored in the Central Conference Bethany FWB Church in Winterville and continuing serving after his retirement.

John will be most remembered for his great love for God, his love of family and his service to God's people. He had a great sense of humor and always liked to tell a joke. He had a beautiful bass voice and loved to sing in church. On March 16, he was promoted to glory and began singing in the heavenly choir.

Marie Hester Narron modeled the Christian life to me as good as anyone I have ever known. She lived the Word of God and followed the Golden Rule: to do unto others as you'd have them do unto you! She had a tremendous heart for children.

1. She worked and assisted at the Free Will Baptist Children's home.
2. She worked as a Red cross volunteer.
3. Sometimes she would sit with children and kids at the hospital when they were sick or they were dying.

4. When J.B. was in the military she participated in Operation Baby lift from Vietnam... when the family lived in the Philippines she flew with orphans to the states in order to help care for them. Marie Narron was promoted to glory on August 4.

2019 Central Conference Nominating Committee Report

- **Board of Ordination (5-year term)**
 - Rev. Gary Bailey (2024)
- **Church Growth Committee (3-yr term)**
 - Rev. Roger Haithcock (2022)
 - Rev. Jonathan Whitford (2021) to fulfill the unexpired term of the Rev. Kevin Jackson
- **Continuing Education Committee (3-year term)**
 - Rev. Chuck Branch (2022)
- **Board of Trustees (3-year term)**
 - Mrs. Linda Weathersby (2022)
- **Minster Care Committee (3-year term)**
 - Rev. Harry Grubbs (2022)
- **Credentials Committee (3-year term)**
 - Rev. Kelley Smart (2022)
- **Church Finance Representative (2-year term)**
 - Rev. Philip Boykin (2021)
- **Conference Historian (2-year term)**
 - Dr. David Hines (2021)
- **Memorial Committee (3-year term)**
 - Stephen Grubbs (2022)

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. Kelley Smart (chair)

The Rev. Dr. Keith Gardner

The Rev. Roger Haithcock

Continuing Education Committee Report

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.

Continuing Education Resources

Go to <https://pastoraled.wordpress.com> and click on RESOURCES.

Central Conference Committees and Officers

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The Rev. Dr. Franklin Baggett, Assistant Moderator (2020)
The Rev. Josh Hobgood, Clerk (2020)
The Rev. Dr. Todd Sutton, Assistant Clerk (2020)
The Rev. Tom Malin, Treasurer (2020)
The Rev. Bill Groce, Assistant Treasurer (2020)

Board Of Ordination

The Rev. Mark Hobbs, Chairman (2021)
The Rev. Dustin Bannister (2020)
The Rev. Philip Wood (2022)
The Rev. Greg Barnes (2023)
The Rev. Gary Bailey (2024)

Church Growth

The Rev. Joey Williams (2020)
The Rev. Jonathan Whitford (2021)
The Rev. Roger Haithcock (2022)

Continuing Education Committee

The Rev. Ron Braxton (2020)
The Rev. Keith Phillips (2021)
The Rev. Chuck Branch (2022)

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The Rev. Dr. John Hill (2020)
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The Rev. Harry Grubbs (2022)

Credentials Committee

The Rev. Keith Phillips (2020)
The Rev. Tony Glass (2021)
The Rev. Kelly Smart (2022)

Church Finance Representative

The Rev. Philip Boykin (2021)

Historian

The Rev. Dr. David Hines (2021)

Memorial Committee

The Rev. Keith Gardner (2020)

Mrs. Barbara Wilson (2021)

Mr. Stephen Grubbs (2022)

Publicity Representative

The Rev. Gary Bailey (2020)

Ministers Contributions as of 10/31/19

<u>ORDAINED MINISTERS</u>		<u>2018-19</u> <u>Dues</u>	<u>2019-20</u> <u>Dues</u>	<u>2020-21</u> <u>Dues</u>
Baggett	Frankie	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Bailey	Gary	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Ball	Clifford	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Bannister	Dustin	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Barnes	Greg	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Batten	Glenn	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Bowen	Thomas	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Boykin	Philip	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Bradbury	Carroll	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Branch	Charles	Retired	Retired	
Branch	Chuck	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Braxton	Ronald	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Buck	Stanley	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Cockrell	Frank	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Forrest	Matthew			
Gardner	Keith	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Glass	Tony	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Groce	Bill	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Grubbs	Leon	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Grubbs	Harry	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Haithcock	Roger	\$30.00	\$30.00	

Hill	John	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Hines	David	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Hobbs	Mark	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Hobgood	Ronnie	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Hobgood	Joshua	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Humphrey	Stewart	Retired	Retired	
Jones	Bruce	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Jones	Ernest	Exempt	Exempt	
Kephart	David		\$30.00	
Letchworth	Larry	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Malin	Tom	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Mohn	Ronnie	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Moore	Melvin	Retired	Retired	
Oakley	Carlton	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Owens	Doug	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Owens	James	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Owens	Spencer	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Pelt	Michael	Retired	Retired	
Phillips	Keith	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Price	Arnold	Retired	Retired	
Raper	Jacky	Retired	\$30.00	
Ribeiro	Donald	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$150.00
Rowell	Michael	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Russell	Charles	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Sexton	Jason	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Simmons	Byrl	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Simpson	John	Retired	Retired	
Skinner	Doug	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Smart	Kelley	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Sullivan	Johnny	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Sutton	Todd	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Sutton	Charles	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Taylor	Bobby	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Thornton	Edward	\$30.00		
Tucker	Grady	\$30.00	Retired	
Tyson	Doug			
Weathersby	Jack	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Whitfield	Josh	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Whitford	Jonathan	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Williams	Joey	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Williamson	Ray	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Williamson	Barry	\$30.00	\$30.00	
Wood	Philip	\$30.00	\$30.00	

Walnut Creek		\$30.00	\$30.00	
Licensed Minister				
Haddock	Chris		\$30.00	
Perry	Brian		\$30.00	
Preskitt	Josh		\$30.00	
TOTAL		\$1,650.00	\$1,800.00	\$270.00

Church Contributions

CHURCH	2018-19	2019-20
Aspen Grove	\$480.00	\$400.00
Ayden	\$45.00	\$45.00
Bethany	\$150.00	\$150.00
Black Jack	\$550.00	\$550.00
Community	\$50.00	\$50.00
Daniels Chapel	\$420.00	\$428.00
Dilda's Grove	\$30.00	\$30.00
Edgewood	\$75.00	\$70.00
Elm Grove	\$200.00	\$200.00
Free Union	\$270.00	\$300.00
Friendship	\$300.00	\$300.00
Greenville, First	\$170.00	\$170.00
Grimsley	\$25.00	
Gum Swamp	\$100.00	\$100.00
Harrell's Chapel	\$100.00	\$100.00
Hickory Grove	\$35.00	\$35.00
Hillside		
Howell Swamp	\$200.00	\$200.00
Hugo	\$87.00	\$87.00
Hull Road	\$620.00	\$620.00
Kings Cross Roads	\$270.00	\$200.00
LaGrange, First	\$200.00	\$200.00
Little Creek	\$79.00	\$60.00
Marlboro	\$275.00	\$269.00
Ormondsville	\$300.00	\$300.00
Otter's Creek	\$50.00	\$50.00
Owens Chapel	\$30.00	\$30.00

Peace	\$50.00	\$100.00
Piney Grove (Beaufort Co.)	\$35.00	\$41.00
Piney Grove (Pitt Co.)		
Pleasant Hill	\$100.00	\$100.00
Reedy Branch	\$150.00	\$155.00
Rocky Mount, First	\$50.00	\$50.00
Rose Hill	\$300.00	\$320.00
Rose of Sharon	\$275.00	\$289.00
Saints Delight	\$30.00	\$30.00
Saratoga	\$100.00	\$100.00
Spring Branch	\$150.00	\$180.00
Tarboro, First	\$38.00	\$38.00
Walnut Creek	\$100.00	\$100.00
Watery Branch	\$65.00	\$65.00
Williamston, First	\$50.00	\$50.00
Winterville	\$185.00	\$185.00
TOTAL	\$6,789.00	\$6,747.00

Roll Of Ministers

ORDAINED MINISTERS	Ordained	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Michael Pelt	9/30/1950	Retired P	A	Retired P	Retired P	Retired P
Charles Branch	1/5/1969	Retired L	Retired	Retired	Retired	Retired
Bruce Jones	9/5/1971	P	P	P	P	P
Gary Bailey	7/12/1972	A	P	P	P	Excused
Bobby Taylor	11/2/1973	L	L	P	P	P
Leon Grubbs	9/5/1968		P	P	P	P
Ronnie Hobgood	8/13/1978	P	E	P	P	P
Melvin Moore	12/31/1959	Retired	Retired	Retired	Retired	Retired
Harry Grubbs	2/24/1967	A	P	P	L	P
Clifford Ball	8/20/1981	P	L	Retired	Retired	Retired
Ray Williamson	5/11/1977	P	A	P	P	P
Mark Hobbs	11/30/1980	P	P	P	P	P
Ronald Braxton	2/3/1983	P	P	P	P	P
Donald Ribeiro	10/27/1983		P	P	L	P
Stanley Buck	9/17/1976	P	P	P	P	P
Philip Wood	5/12/1979	P	P	P	P	P
Thomas Bowen	11/25/1990	P	P	P	P	P

Larry Letchworth	8/23/1992	P	P	P	P	P
Carroll Bradbury	8/23/1992	P	P	P	P	P
Jack Weathersby	2/27/1994	P	P	P	P	P
Joey Williams	1/15/1995	P	P	P	P	P
Frankie Baggett	10/22/1987	P	P	P	P	p
Grady Tucker	12/6/1978	Retired	Retired	Retired P	Retired P	Retired P
Edward Thornton	3/10/1981	P	A	A	A	A
Tony Glass	3/28/1999	P	P	P	P	Excused
Frank Cockrell	11/7/1999	P	P	P	P	Excused
Johnny Sullivan	5/21/2000	P	P	P	L	P
Barry Williamson	9/17/2000	P	P	P	P	P
Todd Sutton	2/11/1996	A	P	P	P	P
Doug Owens	5/6/2001	P	P	P	L	P
Roger Haithcock	8/26/2001	L	P	P	P	P
Philip Boykin	12/7/1980	P	P	P	L	P
Jacky Raper	6/8/1988	P	P	P	P	P
James Owens	11/10/1981	P	P	P	A	Retired
ORDAINED MINISTERS	Ordained	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Charles Russell	11/21/2004	P	P	P	P	Retired
Kelley Smart	2/27/2005	P	P	P	P	P
Michael Rowell	5/15/2005	P	P	p	P	Excused
Charles Sutton	8/14/2005	P	P	P	P	P
Doug Tyson	10/16/2005	P	P	A	A	A
Ronnie Mohn	Mar-80	P	A	P	P	Retired
Doug Skinner	7/2/1972	P	L	P	P	P
Glenn Batten	10/25/2008	P	P	P	A	P
Dustin Bannister	9/26/2010	P	A	P	P	P
Keith Phillips	9/17/2010	P	P	Excused	L	P
Tom Malin	5/15/2011	P	P	P	P	P
Carlton Oakley	12/5/2010	P	P	P	L	P
John Hill	6/4/2004	P	P	P	P	P
Bill Groce	9/16/2012	P	P	P	P	P
Spencer Owens	9/23/2012	P	P	P	P	Excused
Joshua Hobgood	1/13/2013	P	P	P	P	P
Greg Barnes	8/11/2013	P	P	P	P	P
Keith Gardner	7/13/2014	P	A	P	P	P
Matthew Forrest	2/22/2015	P	A	A	A	A

Michael Woolard	11/8/2015		E	A	A	A
David Hines	6/7/1979		P	P	P	P
Josh Whitfield	12/13/2008		P	P	L	P
Jonathan Whitford	10/11/2015			P	P	Excused
Byrl Simmons	10/4/2015			P	P	P
Chuck Branch	3/4/2018				P	P
Dale Belvin	6/30/2000				P	P
Scott Wright	4/19/2020					A
LICENSED and PROVISIONAL MINISTERS	Licensed	2015	2016	2017	2018	
Robbie Rouse	11/28/2018					P
Brian Perry	4/8/2018				P	P
Chris Haddock	4/8/2018				P	P
Stephen Grubbs	7/8/2018				P	P
Gavin Daniels	7/15/2018				A	Excused