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Rev. R. N. Hinnant

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> PROGRAM COMMITTEE Rev. R. N. Hinnant

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

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W. G. Boykin (Disabled), Raleigh, N. C.
R. N. Hinnant, Box 84, Micro, N. C.
 LW. R. Williams, Pine Level, N. C.
 J. A. Evans, 202 S. Bruton St., Wilson, N. C.
 . B. Ferrell, Elm City, N. C., Route 2
  M. L. Cummings, Middlesex, N. C.
  W. E. Anderson (Retired), 1400 Shepherd St., Morehead City, N. C.
 L. H. Boykin, Kenly, N. C., Route 3
  W.-G. Pike (Superannuated), Selma, N. C., R. F. D. 3
 Milford Hales, Saratoga, N. C.
  Dee Bissette, Bailey, N. C., Route 2
 Rommie Mitchell, Kenly, N. C., Route 1
 T. Renfrow, Kenly, N. C., Route 3
 L. S. Joyner, 220 Lynn Road, Durham, N. C.
  A. P. Lee (Retired), Pikeville, N. C.
Paul Jenkins, Kannapolis, N. C., Box 49, Route 1
 Barney Griffin, 606-Sycamore-St., Kannapolis, N. C.
 C. Varnell, 1211 Adam St., Wilson, N. C.
 Wiley Ferrell, Selma, N. C., Route 1
 Willie Renfrow, Kenly, N. C., Route 2
  W. H. Ivey, Selma, N. C. D. L.
 R. W. Allman, Elm City, N. C., Route 3
 C. G. Ashley, 529 N. Hardee St., Durham, N. C.
E. F. Chrisco, 816 King St., Burlington, N. C.
Milton Davis, Princeton, N. C., Route 2
M. L. Johnson, Sims, N. C., Route 1
 •O. G. Worrell, 1006 Angier Ave., Durham, N. C.
 "Wingate Hansley, Kenly, N. C.
 Jasper Edwards, Micro, N. C.
L. B. Williams, 2431 Guest Road, Durham, N. C.
 M. W. Roach, Raleigh, N. C., Route 6
 Allen Bryan, Benson, N. C., Route 1
 David Wooten, Morrisville, N. C.
 Joseph Ange, 1212 E. Main St. Double
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Adam Scott, Club Blvd., Duke St., Durham, N. C.
 6-Billy Morris, Four Oaks, N. C., Route 3
Eugene Waddell, Kenly, N. C. John S. C.
 Bobbie-Jackson-
Hilery Minchew, Kenly, N. C., Route 1
Douglas Johnson, Clayton, N. C.
Larue Davis, Fremont, N. C., Route 2
Dewey C. Boling, Clayton, N. C.
Bobby Aycock, Fremont, N. C., Route 2
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Charles Bryan, Goldsboro, N. C. - Joseph C. Yates, 1633 Lane St., Kannapolis, N. C. ∠C. Herman Griffin, ‡107 Washington Lane, Kannapolis, N. C. S らう Norman Adams, 910 Rosehill Ave., Durham, N. C. -W. O. Lassiter, Four Oaks, N. C., Route 3 Loe R. Haas, Morrisville, N. C., Route 1 -Wilton Morris, Kenly, N. C., Route 2 Donald Upright C. R. Etheridge, 707 Corbette Ave., Wilson, N. C. LICENTIATES William Phipps, Morrisville, N. C., Route 1 Joe Morris, Kenly, N. C., Route 1 P. R. Williams, 1208 Franklin St., Durham, N. C. Chester Phillips, Smithfield, N/C. Edward Hill, Bob Jones University, Greenville, S. C. Jim Glasgow, 908 Middlin/Terrace, Durham, N. C. Bobby Rogers Nashville Tenn. L. E. Morris, Kenly, N. C., Route 2 Elwood Davis, Box 81, Durham, N. C. Conrad-Williford, Durham, N. C. Marvin Prevatt, Pleasant Drive, Durham, N. C. Richard A. Etheridge, 707 Corbette Ave., Wilson, N. C. Robert W. Williams Albert M. Rollins Felton Johnson, Kenly, N. C., Route 2 M. L. Pittman, Lucama, W. C. 425.50 Marvin M. Williams Billy Gene Outland Keith Boyd Raymond Sasser, Wilson, N. C. Robert Rollins Johnnie Eason, Selma, N. C. Emmit Morris CHURCHES, COUNTIES, AND PASTORS FOR 1954-1955 Cabarrus County— Elwood Lane-Paul Jenkins Durham County— Calvary—Adam Scott ► Eastwood Chapel—Elwood Davis Edgemont-Joseph Ange King's Chapel—B. M. Duke ✓Oak Grove— Shady Grove—Joe Haas L'Sherron Acres-Wayne Smith

Union Grove-

Franklin County-

Saints Delight-Ralph E. Clegg

Johnston County—

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Nash County—

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Tippett's Chapel-W. L. Poythress

Wayne County—

Black Jack Grove-Douglas Johnson LFremont Chapel-Pleasant Grove-R. N. Hinnant Pleasant Hill-G. C. Joyner Spring Hill-Wiley Ferrell Stoney Creek-J. W. Alford Union Grove-R. N. Hinnant

Wilson County—

Calvary-Hilery Minchew Little Rock-N. B. Barrow Marsh Swamp-M. L. Johnson L New Sandy Hill-R. C. Proctor Oak Grove-Douglas Johnson People's Chapel-I. B. Ferrell Rose Bud-Milford Hales St. Mary's-J. A. Evans Watson's Grove-T. Renfrow 1 Wilson-Earl Glenn months of a short man I M. W-Ill Budge

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CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES

Cabarrus County—

Elwood Lane-Mrs. Carl Lambert, 1609 Woodlawn Ext., Kannapolis, N. C.

Durham County-

Calvary-Owen M. Smith, 2612 Elgin St., Durham, N. C.

-Eastwood Chapel-Juanita Oakley, 3840 Angier Ave., Durham, N. C.

Edgemont-Leo Paschall, 213 Laurel St., Durham, N. C.

King's Chapel-Mrs. Mae Roycroft, Route 5, Box 277, Durham, N. C.

Oak Grove-Mrs. Dawn McMannen, Route 4, Box 423, Durham, N. C.

Shady Grove-Wade T. Ferrell, Route 1, Morrisville, N. C.

Sherron Acres-James Hall, 1512 London Circle, Durham, N. C.

Union Grove-C. E. Ferguson, 610 Old Oxford Highway, Durham, N. C.

Franklin County—

Saints Delight-Julius Layton, Route 4, Louisburg, N. C.

Johnston County—

Branch Chapel-Leamon Brown, Route 2, Selma, N. C.

Everett's Chapel-Buck Smith, 549 E. Main St., Clayton, N. C.

Friendship-Mrs. J. Ralph Strickland, Route 1, Middlesex, N. C.

Holly Springs-Edgar A. Johnson, Route 2, Kenly, N. C.

-Kenly-Millard Snipes, Route 1, Kenly, N. C.

-Micro-Mrs. Carl Bagley, Route 3, Selma, N. C.

Piney Grove-L. G. Pope, Box 115, Kenly, N. C.

Pine Level-Wilbert A. Woodard, Pine Level, N. C.
Pleasant Plain-Eddie Brown, Route 2, Selma, N. C.

Rains' Cross Roads-Robert W. Braswell, Route 2, Princeton, N. C.

Selma-Mrs. W. B. Hinnant, 700 N. Raiford St., Selma, N. C.

Stancil's Chapel-R. L. Peele, Route 1, Middlesex, N. C.

Nash County-

Barnes Hill-Ervin L. Vick, Route 1, Box 267, Rocky Mount, N. C.

Free Union-H. C. Morgan, Route 1, Spring Hope, N. C.

Mt. Zion-L. W. Mathews, Route 2, Nashville, N. C.

UPiney Grove-Mrs. N. C. Barnes, 817 Western Ave., Rocky Mount, N. C.

Rock Springs-Mrs. Cleo Fulghum, Sims, N. C.

-Stony Hill-Mrs. Mabel Glover, Route 2, Middlesex, N. C.

-Orphanage-Doris Little, Middlesex, N. C.

-Union Chapel-Mrs. Rosa Boykin, Route I, Middlesex, N. C.

White Oak Hill-Mrs. Daisy Wells, Route 2, Bailey, N. C.

Wake County—

Tippett's Chapel-Bert Giles, 1212 Mitchell St., Raleigh, N. C.

Orange County-

-Hillsboro-Daphine Howard, West Hillsboro, N. C.

Wayne County-

Black Jack Grove-T. C. Hines, Route 4, Goldsboro, N. C.

Fremont Chapel-Berkley Smith, Route 1, Pikeville, N. C.

-Pleasant Grove-Mrs. Hardy Talton, Route 2, Pikeville, N. C.

Pleasant Hill-Mrs. Marvin Bunn, Route 2, Pikeville, N. C. Spring Hill-W. N. Turner, Route 5, Goldsboro, N. C.

Stoney Creek-Esper Futrell, Route 2, Stantonsburg, N. C. Union Grove-D. B. Morris, Route 2, Fremont, N. C.

Wilson County—

Calvary-Mrs. W. A. Stancil, 700 Corbette Ave., Wilson, N. C.

Little Rock-Ralph Barnes, Lucama, N. C.

Marsh Swamp-Mrs. Blanche B. Loftin, Route 1, Sims, N. C.

New Sandy Hill-Charles H. Phillips, Route 1, Bailey, N. C.

Oak Grove, Martin Gardner, Route 1, Elm City, N. C.

People's Chapel-Miss Edna Wells, Route 2, Box 16, Elm City, N. C.

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St. Mary's-W. F. Watson, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.

Watson's Grove-Jimmie L. Barfield, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.

Wilson T. C. Sullivan, Thurston Drive, Wilson, N. C.

First Union Meeting—

C. S. Hinnant, Route 2, Pikeville, N. C.

and the Macourise Committee of the America Conference met in Wilson, Hundre

PROCEEDINGS

The Sixty-Eighth Annual Session of the Western Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, convened with the Micro Church, Johnston County, October 13, 14, 1954.

Rev. Dewey C. Boling conducted the opening devotions. The service was opened by singing "Love Lifted Me" by the congregation. The Scripture lesson was read from Romans 1:1-6, followed with prayer by Rev. J. A. Evans.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Resolutions-Wiley-Ferrell, Lloyd-Wiggs, R. W. Allman, Temperance-Ralph Clegg, JEB-Ferrell, Hilery Minchew Memorial-Q-G-Worrell, W. E. Renfrow, W. E. Anderson. Nominating-J. B. Ferrell, Paul Jenkins, J.A. Evans, W. F. Owerson.

ROLL CALL OF MINISTERS

Present first day-R. N. Hinnant, W. R. Williams, J. A. Evans, J. B. Ferrell, W. E. Anderson, L. H. Boykin, Rommie Mitchell, Paul Jenkins, J. C. Varnell, Wiley Ferrell, Willie Renfrow, R. W. Allman, C. G. Ashley, Milton Davis, M. L. Johnson, O. G. Worrell, E. B. Williams, Allen Bryan, Ralph E. Clegg, W. L. Poythress, G. C. Joyner, Hilery Minchew, Douglas Johnson, Dewey C. Boling, Joseph C. Yatcs, Joe Morris, Elwood Davis, M. L. Pittman, Wilton Morris.

Present second day-R. N. Hinnant, W. R. Williams, J. B. Ferrell, W. E. Anderson, L. H. Boykin, Milford Hales, T. Renfrow, L. S. Joyner, Paul Jenkins, Wiley Ferrell, Willie Renfrow, R. W. Allman, Milton Davis, M. L. Johnson, Jasper Edwards, Allen Bryan, G. C. Joyner, Joseph Ange, Adam Scott, Hilery Minchew, Joseph C. Yates, Norman Adams, Wilton Morris, Elwood Davis, Felton Johnson, Earl Glenn, W. O. Lassiter, Joe R. Haas, Donald Upright, C. R. Etheridge, Raymond Sasser, Robert Rollins, Johnnie Eason, Emmit Morris.

VISITING MINISTERS

Central Conference—N. B. Barrow, R. P. Harris, W. B. Raper.

Cape Fear Conference-C. H. Coates, J. R. Davidson, Herman Hersey.

Eastern Conference-D. W. Hansley, S. A. Smith.

Blue Ridge Association-Wayne Smith.

South Georgia Association—Joe Fort.

The pastor of the local church, Rev. N. B. Barrow, welcomed each minister, delegate and visitor, extending to them every hospitality of the community. The response was given by Rev. Douglas Johnson.

Rev. Allen Bryan, the Moderator, in his message called attention to the following three things we should keep in mind throughout this year's session:

- 1. We are dealing in spiritual things.
- 2. We are dealing with imperfect man.
- 3. We are working for the Lord.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the Western Conference met in Wilson, Thursday evening, January 28, 1954.

Members present: M. L. Johnson, R. N. Hinnant, J. A. Evans, Paul Jenkins, Wiley Ferrell.

Visitors: R. W. Allman, Allen Bryan, J. B. Ferrell, D. W. Hansley.

Prayer by Rev. J. B. Ferrell.

The chairman stated that the credentials of M. L. Tyndall had been demanded by the Ministerial Character Committee and turned over to the Clerk of the Conference.

Motion the above action of the Ministerial Character Committee be approved.

The report of the committee setting forth this Conference's position relative to divorced ministers was read and received, subject to the adoption by the Conference.

Motion we request the Ordaining Council to abide by the recommendation until ratified by the Conference.

Motion a committee of two investigate the alleged complaint of King's Chapel Church and pastor.

The chairman appointed J. A. Evans and R. N. Hinnant to investigate for the above motion.

Motion the chairman of the Executive Committee request a statement of the condition of the treasury as of February 1, 1954.

Motion the Executive Committee of the Conference make out a form letter and the Secretary send to each church requesting a more liberal donation to the Conference.

A letter was read from the members of Calvary Mission, located in Wilson, requesting the Executive Committee to organize them into a church.

Motion an investigation be made by the committee relative to organizing the mission into a church. After the investigation, Thursday, February 11, 1954, at 7:30 p. m., was the date set for the organizing of the church.

M. L. Johnson, Chairman

R. N. HINNANT, Secretary

To the Executive Committee of the Western Conference of the Free Will Baptists of North Carolina:

Dear Brethren:

There was a special committee appointed in the 1953 session of our conference to study the matter relative to a person being licensed or ordained to the ministry who is divorced. That committee consists of the names below and here is our report.

Whereas, the calling of God to preach is a high and holy calling; whereas, a man desiring the office of a bishop desireth a good work; and whereas, the scriptural qualifications for a bishop set forth in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 is a high standard for ministers of the gospel;

Whereas, there should be no impediment which would hinder the cause of Christ or bring reproach on the cause of Christ; and whereas no circumstance should exist which should hinder a man from preaching the full gospel; and whereas the standard for God's leaders are high throughout the Scriptures; and whereas, the teaching of the following Scriptures would make it clear that re-marriage or divorced people violate the Scripture: 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:6-9; Matthew 5:31, 32; Matthew 19:3-9; Mark 10:11, 12; Luke 16:18; Romans 7:2, 3; 1 Corinthians 7:39, 40; and 1 Corinthians 9:14.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF CHURCH DELEGATES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

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Therefore to set and maintain a high standard for our ministers; we recommend that our Conference refrain from licensing and ordaining divorced and remarried candidates no matter what the cause of divorce was.

Committee:

ADAM SCOTT, Chairman F. A. RIVENBARK JOSEPH G. ANGE W. C. SASSER HENRY L. BRYANT

By motion, this report be tabled for future consideration.

The Executive Committee was called to meet with the Calvary Church in Wilson, July 29, 1954. The purpose of the meeting was to counsel with the church and assist in solving some of the financial difficulties existing in the church.

Members present: M. L. Johnson, R. N. Hinnant, J. B. Ferrell (proxy for Wiley Ferrell), Allen Bryan (proxy for J. A. Evans), Paul Jenkins.

Visitors present: Members of the State Mission Board.

Song by the congregation and prayer by Rev. J. B. Ferrell.

After much discussion and reading of records a committee of two was appointed to see Mrs. Messer, the treasurer of the church, and ask her to turn over the money she holds that belongs to the church.

Committee Appointed: M. L. Johnson, R. N. Hinnant, Allen Bryan. By motion, the report of the Executive Committee be adopted.

Calvary Church, Wilson County, was received into the Conference, under the watch care of the Executive Committee for one year.

The pastor and delegate came to the front and were welcomed by the Moderator, as a member of the Conference.

Rev. M. L. Johnson tendered his resignation as a member of the Executive Committee and it was accepted.

By motion, the Moderator be elected as chairman of the Executive Committee. By motion, a letter of commendation be granted Rev. F. B. Cherry to the Central Conference.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

Western Conference-1 October, 1953-30 September, 1954

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Clothing Fund	 1,590.00
Tablecloth Fund	 103.00
Girls' Building Fund	 182.00
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Total Cash Receipts	 \$16,838.21

S. A. SMITH

An offering for the Orphanage was received, amounting to \$84.32. Prayer of thanksgiving for offering by Rev. N. B. Barrow.

Total Donated Commodities

Rev. Ralph E. Clegg led the congregation in singing, "Nothing But The Blood."

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Rev. D. W. Hansley. His subject was "Christian Education," reading Hosea 4:6 as a Scripture reading. He stressed the three dangers we face:

- 1. Danger of communism.
- 2. Danger of secularism.
- 3. Danger of catholicism.

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Benediction by Rev. G. C. Joyner.

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Afternoon devotions were conducted by Rev. L. H. Boykin. Scripture reading. Jude 1, 2. Song by the congregation, "He Keeps Me Singing." Roll call of churches.

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

We, the Board of Superannuation of the Western Conference, report as follows:

We find from the records of the State Board of Superannuation, that the receipts from this District for the past year were \$1,068.43. This is an increase of \$434.31 over the previous year.

The above amount was given as follows: Churches-\$900.01; Auxiliaries-\$38.00; Sunday Schools-\$25.42; Individuals-\$15.00; Union Meetings-\$90.00.

We find that there are six (6) of our ministers and six (6) of our ministers' widows now receiving pension checks from the State Board of Superannuation. During the year, one of our widows, Mrs. B. T. Dixon, has died and one widow, Mrs. B. B. Richardson, has been added to the list.

We urge our people to give full support to the program of the State Board of Superannuation. We ask each church to raise 25 cents per member as asked for by the State Board.

M. L. JOHNSON

L. H. BOYKIN

C. G. ASHLEY

REPORT OF CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, Inc., 1954

We submit this report of the Church Finance Association, Inc., as of Sept. 1,

Number members of the Association	290
Number members holding at least one \$25.00 certificate	171
Number \$25.00 certificates now held	399
Membership fees collected this year	\$ 833.58
Total membership fees now held	
Number new loans made during this year	5
Total amount loaned this year	\$ 23,835.00
Total number loans made since 1940	42
*Total amount loans made since 1940	\$141,882.45
Number loans now on our books	14
*Our total receipts during the past year were	\$ 32,595.20

Our total disbursements during the past year were	\$	27,647.17
Our balance on hand September 1, 1954, was	 \$	4,948.03
The following figures taken from the Annual Report Jan. 1, 1954		
Our total assets on Jan. 1, 1954, were	\$	49,038.20
Our total liabilities Jan. 1, 1954 were		
Our earned profit, or surplus, on Jan. 1, 1954, was	\$	3,407.40
Our next annual meeting is scheduled to meet with Whaley's Char	pel	Free Will
Baptist Church, Jones County, on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1955, at 10:30 a.		

The Western Conference has \$250.00 in the Church Finance Association, for which you hold ten (10) certificates as follows: Numbers 52, 94, 155, 199, 240, 284, 309, 339, 340, 341.

CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

By R. N. Hinnant, President M. L. Johnson, Secy.-Treas.

Statistical report of the Western Conference to the State Convention as compiled by the Promotional Director:

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1.	Ministers registered	22
2.	Churches represented	44
3.	Delegates registered\$ Contribution\$	37
4.	Contribution\$	369.00
5.	Male members	2,934
6.	Female members	4,597
7.	Sunday school members	6,797
8.	Sunday school members	793
9.	Auxiliary members	983
10.	Sunday school rooms	271
11.	Parsonages	8
12.	Value of church property\$	954,900.00
13.	Members received	512
14.	Members lost	294
15.	Total used locally\$	188,341.03
16.	Total sent U. P. Funds \$	2,972.04
17.	Raised by churches\$	147.959.19
18.	Raised by Sunday schools\$	17,676.08
19.	Raised by auxiliaries\$	8,920.67
20.	Raised by leagues\$	792.34

By motion, we approve the change of Miami Boulevard Church to Eastwood Chapel.

Rev. Wiley Ferrell tendered his resignation as a member of the Executive Committee, and Rev. M. L. Johnson was elected to fill his unexpired term.

By motion, the ministers and pastors of churches in the Western Conference, organize a Ministerial Association.

The following committee was appointed to set the time and place for organizing the association: Revs. Paul Jenkins, R. W. Allman, W. E. Renfrow.

Report of the above committee:

We, your committee, recommend that all ministers of the Western Conference and those who pastor churches in the Western Conference, meet at Holly Springs Church, Johnston County, Kenly, Route 2, on Wednesday after second Sunday in November, at 10 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing a Ministerial Association. We also recommend that the Clerk notify all ministers of said meeting.

PAUL JENKINS R. W. ALLMAN W. E. RENFROW

By motion, a representative be appointed to sit with the Boundary Line Committee of the Mission Board, to establish our Conference lines.

Rev. J. A. Evans was appointed to serve with the above committee.

REPORT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS

The Free Will Baptist Press is rapidly growing. The book value of an original \$10.00 share is now worth \$117.40.

The Press is a non-profit sharing corporation.

In 1953-54 an increase of \$21,629.00 in surplus was realized compared with the previous year. A total of \$145,340.16 was realized as a business income during the past fiscal year. The total estimated value of the Press is \$137,587.29.

Our total subscription to "The Free Will Baptist" is less than 4,000.

We have at present 1,146 shares outstanding at \$10.00 per share.

This Conference owns 42½ shares, First District Union 34, Second District Union 13, and Third District Union 5.

R. N. HINNANT, President

By motion, we express our appreciation, to Mt. Allen College for printing and donating the Conference programs.

REPORT OF CRAGMONT

Report from February 10, 1954, to September 1, 1954

During this period we have entertained at Cragmont Assembly one convention, five conference groups, and a two-weeks camp meeting. The last being sponsored by the Cragmont Board. We have had guests from the states of Michigan, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Kentucky, Tennessee, South Carolina, New York, and of course from North Carolina. Friends from the following denominations beside our own were among our guests: Southern Baptist, Independent Baptist, Missionary Alliance, Wesleyan Methodist, Christian, Presbyterian, Pentecostal Holiness, and Assembly of God. Perhaps there were some whose denominational identity were not known to us. We have entertained for one meal or more 573 people.

TOTAL RECEIPTS

Balance Brought Forward	\$ 1,383.17
Room and Board	
Insurance and Laundry Fees	338.20
Miscellaneous	
Bus Fares	
Loan	8,150.00
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Total Receipts and Balance

\$17,271.31

EXPENDITURES

Salaries-(Inc. Pres., Mgr., and Treas.)	\$ 787.50
Other Salaries	
Snack Shop	202.24
Board Expense	132.30
Bus Fares	
Miscellaneous (includes repayment of \$3,150 Loan)	4,832.61
Telephone, Light, and Gas	312.11
Office Supplies	121.93
Operations Travel	166.32
Office Supplies Operations Travel Camp Insurance Laundry	207.50
Laundry	183.29
Tabernacle	5,430.41
Food	1,316.52
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Total Expenditures	\$16,084.05
Balance for Year	\$ 1,187.26

For information: Improved main assembly building by painting kitchen and dining room throughout, all floors on first floor except one room and small hall, and painted all other halls. We purchased 16 mattresses, also blinds for almost all windows on second and third floors.

J. A. Evans, Chairman

Motion to adjourn and benediction by Rev. D. W. Hansley.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Rev. W. E. Anderson had charge of the evening services, leading the congregation in singing a number of songs. Prayer by Rev. R. N. Hinnant. The Scripture lesson was read from John 8:12-34. Bro. Anderson used the word "Continue" as a subject for his sermon. He then sang a solo, "Pearly White City." A song by the congregation and benediction.

THURSDAY MORNING

Morning devotions were conducted by Rev. Paul Jenkins. The congregation sang, "He Keeps Me Singing." Scripture reading Romans 1:1-16 and prayer.

The minutes of the previous day were read by the Clerk.

Roll call of ministers.

REPORT OF MINISTERIAL CHARACTER BOARD

The Ministerial Character Board of the Western Conference held a meeting July 16, 1954, in Sherron Acres Church.

Charges were brought against Rev. Clifton Ange for misconduct. After hearing the evidence, a motion was made and carried to revoke the credentials of Clifton E. Ange for an indefinite period, and that he surrender his ordination certificate immediately; that a copy of our minutes be sent to King's Chapel Church, where he is now pastor, a copy be sent to the Free Will Baptist Press for publication.

WILLIE RENFROW
PAUL JENKINS
FRED A. RIVENBARK
(Proxy for J. B. Ferrell)
(Proxy for Milford Hales)

By motion, the Moderator write Clifton Ange and demand his credentials immediately.

Rev. J. R. Davidson was present and gave a report of the activities of the Bible College, Nashville, Tenn., and it was received as information.

REPORT OF MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

We, the Memorial Committee, wish to report that we have not lost a minister by death in the past year. However, we are sorry to report the death of Mrs. B. T. Dixon of Rocky Mount, N. C., wife of Rev. B. T. Dixon.

> Q. G. WORRELL W. E. ANDERSON W. E. RENFROW

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Temperance Committee of the Western Conference, do recommend that we strictly adhere to the temperance recommendations of our church covenant. We urge our ministers to read it to their congregation at least twice per year.

> RALPH E. CLEGG J. B. FERRELL H. M. MINCHEW

By motion, the report of the committee on the study of divorced ministers be removed from the table. Motion was carried 40-0.

By motion, this report be referred back to the committee for further study; that we ask the State Convention Committee on revision of our Treatise to consider this question; that until this question is settled, we do hereby pledge to support our Ordaining Council in their disposition of each individual case.

Rev. W. B. Raper was present and gave a review of the activities of Mt. Allen

College.

By motion, we suspend the rule of receiving only one offering and receive an offering for education. Said offering was \$49.38, for which Rev. G. C. Joyner gave thanks, by prayer.

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

We recommend the following ministers be received into the Conference:

W. O. Lassiter from the Cape Fear Conference, and Joe Haas from the State of Mississippi.

The following candidates have been licensed:

Raymond Sasser, Robert Rollins, Johnnie Eason, and Emmit Morris.

One verse of "Trust and Obey" was sung, after which the following were ordained: Wilton Morris, Donald Upright, and C. R. Etheridge.

Rev. Joseph Ange presented the Bible, the charge was given by Rev. J. B. Ferrell, and the prayer of dedication by Rev. W. E. Renfrow.

By motion, Rev. Earl Glenn be received into the Conference, subject to a letter from the Cape Fear Conference.

During the singing of "A Charge To Keep," the hand of welcome was extended to the newly licensed and ordained ministers mentioned above.

Rev. F. A. Rivenbark asked for a letter to unite with the Virginia brethren, which was granted.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was opened with a song by the congregation, "Tell Me The Story of Jesus." Rev. R. W. Allman read the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians and prayer by Rev. Wiley Ferrell.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Since we have had no resolutions submitted, we therefore recommend that this Conference give a rising vote of thanks to this church and community for the splendid way they have entertained this Conference.

WILEY FERRELL R. W. ALLMAN LLOYD B. WIGGS

Report of Nominating Committee: (See officers elected)

Rev. Joe Fort, Editor of the Free Will Baptist Press, gave a resume of the Press.

REPORT OF MISSION BOARD

We, the Mission Board of the Western Conference, make the following report:
We here-by recommend: 1. That the conference raise their proportionate part
of the State Budget for missions, which is 80 cents per member, per year. The
needs are greater than ever before.

2. We further recommend that we co-ordinate with the State Board in its

effort at Burlington.

3. We also recommend that all mission money from the Conference be channeled through the State Treasury for Home and Foreign Missions.

4. We further recommend that the Mission Board of the Conference where and when it is necessary, work with the State Mission Board.

G. C. JOYNER, Chairman L. H. BOYKIN HILERY MINCHEW WINGATE HANSLEY Q. G. WORRELL

REPORT OF BOARD OF FINANCE

Money received during 1954 session of Western Conference:

Received from Churches		\$	399.00
Received from Union Meetings			15.00
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Total Receipts		\$	547.70
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Minutes	90.00	
Board of Ordination	71.68	
Board of Ministerial Character	30.66	
Executive Committee	44.88	
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Number died during the year Total number members	68 7.962
Total average attendance in Sunday school	5,140
Total number members woman's auxiliaries	1,018

M. L. JOHNSON W. R. WILLIAMS

An invitation was received from the Edgemont Church for the 1955 session of the Conference, which was accepted.

By motion, Rev. Earl Glenn replace Rev. F. A. Rivenbark on the Committee of Divorced Ministers.

Motion to adjourn.

Benediction by Rev. Felton Johnson.

REV. ALLEN BRYAN, President REV. R. N. HINNANT, Secretary

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