

# **M I N U T E S**

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## Program Committee

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## Ordained Ministers and their Addresses

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R. N. Hinnant, Box 84, Micro, N. C.  
W. R. Williams, Pine Level, N. C.  
J. A. Evans, 202 S. Bruton St., Wilson, N. C.  
J. 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.  
Milford Hales, 300 Park Ave., Wilson, 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, Kannapolis, N. C., c/o Trinity M. E. Church  
J. C. Varnell, 1211 Adam St., Wilson, N. C.  
Wiley Ferrell, Selma, N. C., Route 1  
Willie Renfrow, Kenly, N. C., Route 2  
R. W. Allman, Elm City, N. C., Route 3  
C. G. Ashley, 529 N. Hardee St., Durham, N. C.  
Milton Davis, Princeton, N. C., Route 2  
M. L. Johnson, Sims, N. C., Route 1  
Q. G. Worrell, 1006 Angier Ave., Durham, N. C.  
Wingate Hansley, 5856 Timuquana Road, Jacksonville, Florida  
Jasper Edwards, Pine Level, N. C.  
E. B. Williams, 2431 Guest Road, Durham, N. C.  
M. W. Roach, Detroit, Michigan  
David Wooten, 607 Briarcliffe Road, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania  
Ralph E. Clegg, 1800 Washington St., Durham, N. C.  
W. L. Poythress, 900 Randolph St., Wilson, N. C.  
G. C. Joyner, Clayton, N. C., Route 1  
Joseph Ange, 1212 E. Main St., Durham, N. C.  
Adam Scott, Club Blvd., Duke St., Durham, N. C.  
Billy Morris, Four Oaks, N. C., Route 3  
Eugene Waddell, Timmons ville, S. C.

Bobby Jackson, c/o C. J. Ketterman, Ewing, Ill.  
 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  
 Felton Johnson, Kenly, N. C., Route 2  
 Charles Bryan, Goldsboro, N. C.  
 Joseph C. Yates, 1633 Lane St., Kannapolis, N. C.  
 G. Herman Griffin, 805 Washington Lane, Kannapolis, N. C.  
 Norman Adams, 4008 Angier Ave., Durham, N. C.  
 W. O. Lassiter, Four Oaks, N. C., Route 3  
 Joe R. Haas, Morrisville, N. C., Route 1  
 Wilton Morris, Kenly, N. C., Route 2  
 Donald Upright, c/o Bob Jones University, Greenville, S. C.  
 C. R. Etheridge, 707 Corbette Ave., Wilson, N. C.  
 B. L. Shook, Box 318, Kenly, N. C.  
 Daniel J. Merkh  
 Albert Coates, Smithfield, N. C., Route 1  
 Wayne Smith, Durham, N. C.  
 Raymond Sasser, Wilson, N. C.  
 Garland Teasley, Durham, N. C.  
 Bobby Rogers  
 Marvin Williams, 2724 Duke Homestead Road, Durham, N. C.  
 Robert Rollins, Dudley, N. C., Route 1  
 Richard A. Etheridge, 707 Corbette Ave., Wilson, N. C.  
 Bernard Duke

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William Phipps, Morrisville, N. C., Route 1  
 Joe Morris, Kenly, N. C., Route 1  
 P. R. Williams, 1208 Franklin St., Durham, N. C.  
 Edward Hill, c/o Bob Jones University, Greenville, S. C.  
 Jim Glasgow, 908 Middlin Terrace, Durham, N. C.  
 L. E. Morris, Kenly, N. C., Route 2  
 Conrad Williford, Durham, N. C.  
 Marvin Prevatt, Pleasant Drive, Durham, N. C.  
 Robert W. Williams  
 Albert M. Rollins, c/o Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn.  
 M. L. Pittman, Lucama, N. C.  
 Billy Gene Outland, Lucama, N. C., R. F. D.  
 Keith Boyd  
 Johnnie Eason, Selma, N. C., Route 3  
 Emmitt Morris  
 Clifton Ange

## Churches, Counties and Pastors for 1955-1956

### Cabarrus County—

Elwood Lane—Paul Jenkins

### Durham County—

Bethesda—E. B. Williams

Calvary—Adam Scott

Edgemont—Joseph Ange

King's Chapel—B. M. Duke

Oak Grove—Q. G. Worrell

Shady Grove—Joe R. Haas

Sherron Acres—Wayne Smith

### Franklin County—

Saints Delight—Ralph E. Clegg

### Johnston County—

Branch Chapel—Willie Renfrow

Everett's Chapel—W. L. Poythress

Friendship—LaRue Davis

Holly Springs—Willie Renfrow

Kenly—B. L. Shook

Micro—N. B. Barrow

Pine Level—D. W. Hansley

Piney Grove—Dewey C. Boling

Pleasant Plain—Willie Renfrow

Rains' Cross Roads—D. W. Hansley

Selma—Albert T. Coates

Stancil's Chapel—W. O. Lassiter

### Nash County—

Barnes Hill—John Flood

Free Union—Willie Renfrow

Memorial Chapel—J. O. Fort

Mt. Zion—R. N. Hinnant

Piney Grove—J. B. Ferrell

Rock Springs—Johnnie Eason

Stony Hill—J. B. Ferrell

Union Chapel—L. H. Boykin

White Oak Hill—R. E. Clegg

### Wayne County—

Black Jack Grove—Douglas Johnson

Fremont Chapel—J. A. Evans

Pleasant Grove—R. N. Hinnant

Pleasant Hill—James Lupton

Spring Hill—R. A. Etheridge

Stoney Creek—J. W. Alford

Union Grove—R. N. Hinnant

### Wake County—

Tippett's Chapel—G. C. Joyner

### Wilson County—

Calvary—W. L. Hart

Little Rock—N. B. Barrow

Marsh Swamp—M. L. Johnson

Milbournie—Dewey C. Boling

New Sandy Hill—Hilery Minchew

Oak Grove—R. C. Proctor

People's Chapel—J. B. Ferrell

Rose Bud—Milford Hales

St. Mary's—B. L. Shook

Watson's Grove—T. Renfrow

Wilson—Earl Glenn

## Church Clerks and Their Post Offices

### Cabarrus County—

Elwood Lane—Mrs. Carl Lambert, 2109 Woodlawn St., Kannapolis, N. C.

### Durham County—

Bethesda—Mrs. Jean Perry, Mineral Spring Road, Durham, N. C.

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

Edgemont—Leonard Gibbs, 1504 Miami Blvd., Durham, N. C.

King's Chapel—H. V. Moore, Box 241, Route 2, Durham, N. C.

Oak Grove—Mrs. Effie Harris, Route 4, Mineral Springs Road, Durham, N. C.

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

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

### Franklin County—

Saints Delight—David Dickenson, 107 S. Elm St., Louisburg, N. C.

### Johnston County—

Branch Chapel—Leaman Brown, Selma, N. C., Route 2

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

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

Holly Springs—Marvin Atkinson, Kenly, N. C., Route 2

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

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

Pine Level—Wilbert A. Woodard, Pine Level, N. C.

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

Pleasant Plain—Mrs. Howell Gorden, Selma, N. C., Route 1

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

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

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

### Nash County—

Barnes Hill—Ervin Vick, Rocky Mount, N. C., Box 271, Route 1

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

Memorial Chapel—Mrs. H. E. Mixon, Middlesex, N. C.

Mt. Zion—L. W. Matthews, Nashville, N. C., Route 2

Piney 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, Middlesex, N. C., Route 2

Union Chapel—Mrs. Rosa Boykin, Middlesex, N. C., Route 1

White Oak Hill—H. Lee Patterson, Bailey, N. C., Route 1

### Wake County—

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

### Wayne County—

Black Jack Grove—T. C. Hines, Goldsboro, N. C., Box 73, Route 4

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

Pleasant Grove—Mrs. Hardy Talton, Pikeville, N. C., Route 2  
Pleasant Hill—Mrs. Marvin Bunn, Pikeville, N. C., Route 2  
Spring Hill—W. N. Turner, Goldsboro, N. C., Route 5  
Stoney Creek—Esper Futrell, Stantonsburg, N. C., Route 2  
Union Grove—D. B. Morris, Fremont, N. C., Route 2

### 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, Sims, N. C., Route 1  
Milbournie—Mrs. Icie Lamm, Wilson, N. C., Route 2  
New Sandy Hill—Charles H. Phillips, Bailey, N. C., Route 1  
Oak Grove—Thomas Summerlin, Elm City, N. C., Route 3  
People's Chapel—Miss Edna Wells, Elm City, N. C., Box 16, Route 2  
Rose Bud—G. Frank Sawrey, Wilson, N. C., Route 4  
St. Mary's—W. F. Watson, Kenly, N. C., Route 3  
Watson's Grove—Jimmie L. Barfield, Kenly, N. C., Route 3  
Wilson—T. G. Sullivan, 205 Thurston Drive, Wilson, N. C.

### First Union Meeting—

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

# Proceedings

## WEDNESDAY MORNING

The sixth-ninth annual session of the Western Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with Edgemont Church, Durham, N. C., October 12, 13, 1955.

Rev. Joe Haas conducted the opening devotions. The congregation joined in singing "Jesus Saves" led by Rev. Joe Ange, followed with prayer by Rev. Wayne Smith. The Scripture lesson was read from Galatians 1:6-9.

The secretary opened the conference officially and presented the moderator, Rev. Allen Bryan, who presided during the conference.

### Appointment of Committees

*Resolutions*—Revs. R. W. Allman, L. H. Boykin, Joe Haas.

*Temperance*—Revs. Ralph Clegg, Hilery Minchew, Norman Adams.

*Memorial*—Revs. E. B. Williams, J. A. Evans, Bobby Jackson.

*Nominating*—Revs. Paul Jenkins, W. E. Anderson, LaRue Davis.

### Roll Call of Ministers

*Present first day*—R. N. Hinnant, J. A. Evans, M. L. Cummings, W. E. Anderson, L. H. Boykin, Rommie Mitchell, Paul Jenkins, Willie Renfrow, R. W. Allman, C. G. Ashley, M. L. Johnson, Q. G. Worrell, E. B. Williams, Allen Bryan, Ralph E. Clegg, G. C. Joyner, Joseph Ange, Adam Scott, Bobby Jackson, Hilery Minchew, Douglas Johnson, LaRue Davis, G. Herman Griffin, Norman Adams, Joe R. Haas, Wilton Morris, B. L. Shook, Daniel J. Merkh, Wayne Smith, Elwood Davis and Johnnie Eason.

*Present second day*—R. N. Hinnant, J. A. Evans, W. E. Anderson, L. H. Boykin, Milford Hales, Paul Jenkins, Willie Renfrow, M. L. Johnson, E. B. Williams, Allen Bryan, G. C. Joyner, Joseph Ange, Adam Scott, Bobby Jackson, Hilery Minchew, Dewey C. Boling, G. Herman Griffin, Joe R. Haas, Wilton Morris, B. L. Shook, Richard Etheridge, Marvin M. Williams, Robert Rollins, Clifton Ange, Albert Coates, Daniel J. Merkh and Bernard Duke.

### Visiting Ministers

Rashie Kennedy, S. A. Smith, J. O. Fort, D. W. Hansley, R. H. Jackson, Seldon Bullard, Raymond Riggs, T. H. Willey, N. B. Barrow and J. C. Griffin (delegate from Eastern Conference).

### Report of Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the Western Conference met in the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, N. C., Tuesday night, January 27, 1955, to discuss matters concerning the local church work.

Members present: Rev. A. B. Bryan, Chairman; Rev. M. L. Johnson, Secretary Pro-tem; Rev. J. A. Evans and Rev. Hilery Minchew, pastor of Calvary Church.

Prayer by Rev. J. A. Evans.

After a general discussion, the following motion was approved:

That Rev. A. B. Bryan, Rev. N. B. Barrow and Mrs. J. R. Messer be and are hereby authorized and instructed to go to the Branch Bank and Trust Co. of Wilson and withdraw the funds held in the name of the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church; that these funds be placed in the custody of the proper treasurer to be determined by a joint session of the Western Conference Executive Committee and the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, along with a representative of the North Carolina Mission Board.

ALLEN BRYAN, *Moderator*

M. L. JOHNSON, *Secretary Pro-tem*

A call meeting of the Executive Committee of the Western Conference was held in Calvary Church, Wilson, N. C., February 22, 1955.

Members present: Revs. Allen Bryan, R. N. Hinnant, M. L. Johnson and J. A. Evans.

Prayer by Rev. N. B. Barrow.

Brother Barrow reported that he had turned over to him \$735.23 as money belonging to the church from the former treasurer of the church.

By motion, that in view of the difficulties that have arisen over funds, the church remain under the watch care of the Executive Committee of the Western Conference for one more year.

By motion, we delegate to the chairman of the Executive Committee the authority to work with the pastor of the church, to begin a building program and assist in the administration of the church.

Motion to adjourn.

ALLEN BRYAN, *Moderator*

R. H. HINNANT, *Secretary*

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held in Wilson, July 28, 1955.

Members present: Revs. J. A. Evans, R. N. Hinnant, Hilery Minchew, Adam Scott and W. R. Williams.

Rev. M. L. Tyndall asked to be reinstated to the Free Will Baptist Western Conference. After a discussion, the following motion was made: That we withhold any action in reference to restoring Brother M. L. Tyndall until we have a written statement from the Eastern Conference that satisfactory adjustments have been made by Brother Tyndall with said conference.

J. A. EVANS, *Vice-Chairman*

R. N. HINNANT, *Secretary*

By motion, the Bethesda Free Will Baptist Church be received into membership under the watch care of the conference for a period of one year.

By motion, we adopt the program as an agenda for the conference.

A letter was read from Rev. David Wooten, stating where he is located and asking to be informed on certain matters pertaining to his status in the conference.

By motion his letter be referred to the Ministerial Character Committee.

Roll call of churches.

## Delegates and Contributions

Churches	Counties	Yearly Meetings	Regular Meetings	Raised for Missions	Raised for Orphanage	Raised for Education	Other Purposes	Total Funds Raised	Number Members	Baptized	Died	Average S. S. Attendance	No. Members W. A.	Value Church Property	Funds to Conference	Delegates
Elwood Lane	Cabarrus	August	Full Time	\$ 73	\$125	\$ 45	\$ 4,181	\$ 9,552	189	7	2	135	19	\$5,000	\$10.00	By Letter
Bethesda	Durham	July	Full Time					0	0	0	0	25		7,000	2.00	Mrs. J. F. Holder, Mrs. Eugene Oates
Calvary	Durham	October	Full Time	406	59	60	3,378	7,344	83	0	0	47	14	20,000	5.00	Mrs. Lula Bullock, H. L. Bryant
Eastwood Chapel	Durham	October	Full Time		16			89	22	1	88	12		5,000	5.00	Ernest Sills, Willie Hurst
Edgemont	Durham	October	Full Time	4,945	567	1,656	17,904	30,273	711	112	6	350	75	115,000	10.00	Jamie Teasley, Daniel J. Merkh
King's Chapel	Durham	October	2nd & 4th	50	60	45	44	1,412	111	7	1	55		5,000	10.00	Miss Annie Steven, Mrs. Fred Pittman
Oak Grove	Durham	September	Full Time	16	163		141	1,496	185	12	1	90	20	9,000	5.00	Mrs. Robert Gilbert, Mrs. Lois Fowler
Shady Grove	Durham		Full Time	855	397	200	7,559	12,484	197	13	2	123	33	60,000	10.00	Mrs. J. R. Hildebran, Mrs. Joe Haas
Sherron Acres	Durham		Full Time	529	221	10	2,208	10,330	219	14	1	227	52	150,000	5.00	Mrs. F. R. Register, Mrs. C. C. Ladd
Saints Delight	Franklin	September	2nd & 4th	156	87			5,054	264	4	1	140	29	1,800	5.00	Ralph Clegg
Branch Chapel	Johnston	August	Fourth	110	155	75	53	1,420	312	1	1	140	25	10,000	15.00	Paul Dunn and Wife
Everett's Chapel	Johnston	October	Fourth	109	130	103	1,210	3,513	115	10	2	120	24	5,000	5.00	Carl Boling, Linelle Joyner
Friendship	Johnston	August	2nd & 4th	118	549	79	2,502	4,149	192	5	2	90	26	15,000	10.00	By Letter
Holly Springs	Johnston	October	First	50	150	62	1,646	2,508	232	6	4	130	28	12,500	12.50	Raymond Weaver, Edgar Johnson
Kenly	Johnston	August	1st & 3rd	136	337	127	2,649	4,475	194	14	4	195	30	30,000	10.00	Richard Oliver and Wife
Micro	Johnston	August	2nd & 4th	60	206	150	1,676	3,878	175	3	4	150	27	75,000	20.00	Turner Wellons, Arnold Pittman
Pine Level	Johnston	August	2nd & 4th	82	142	200	2,042	6,686	315	5	3	230	30	50,000	10.00	W. E. Crocker, J. W. Braswell
Piney Grove	Johnston	October	Second	46	255	42	1,256	2,303	217	6	1	165	22	20,000	10.00	J. A. Pittman
Pleasant Plain	Johnston	August	2nd & 4th	188	580	268	2,415	4,353	242	8	0	173	25	15,000	15.00	M. V. Avery, Mrs. L. S. Griffin
Rains' Cross Roads	Johnston	September	1st & 3rd	100	440	150	2,042	3,302	287	4	5	150	24	25,000	10.00	J. R. Evans, Clifford Ferrell
Selma	Johnston	September	Full Time	38	120	120	3,868	5,137	143	28	3	130	19	20,000	10.00	
Stancil's Chapel	Johnston	August	Third	40	175	20	5,000	5,775	147	3	1	85	12	15,000	8.00	Wilbert Hodge
Barnes Hill	Nash		2nd & 4th	15	165	32	524	897	167	8	4			3,500	5.00	C. J. Barnes
Free Union	Nash	October	1st & 3rd	25	106	60	564	1,450	100	10	2	80	35	4,000	5.00	Ben Jones, Lester Duncan
Memorial Chapel	Nash		1st & 3rd											65,000	10.00	By Letter
Mt. Zion	Nash	September	Third	25	131	32	4,919	5,807	182	5	2	125	25	15,000	10.00	W. E. Mathews and Wife
Piney Grove	Nash		Second											3,500	5.00	
Rock Spring	Nash		1st & 3rd	2	119	15	794	1,341	70	6		50	14	3,000	5.00	
Stony Hill	Nash	July	1st & 3rd		15		92	782	90			40	24	7,500	10.00	I. D. Boswell and Wife
Union Chapel	Nash	August	Third		20		156	321	49	1	2	20		3,000	5.00	Luther Hinnant
White Oak Hill	Nash	September	1st & 3rd	10	39		5,795	6,644	185	10	1	100	30	6,000	8.00	Colan Issette and Wife
Black Jack Grove	Wayne	October	1st & 3rd	145	60	8	1,252	1,336	36	2	2	65		3,000	5.00	
Fremont Chapel	Wayne	September	1st & 3rd	90	85	52	600	1,727	106	6	1	92	23	5,000	10.00	Berkeley Smith
Pleasant Grove	Wayne	August	First	36	523	76	2,227	3,464	231	6	2	149	32	25,000	15.00	Mrs. Charles Pender, Mrs. Alpheus Jones
Pleasant Hill	Wayne	August	Third	75	174	100	732	1,532	95	22		80	12	6,000	5.00	F. P. Baker, W. H. Turner
Spring Hill	Wayne	August	1st & 3rd	15	150			671	52		1	50	13	6,000	10.00	By Letter
Stoney Creek	Wayne	October	2nd & 4th	72	235	158	515	2,181	139	6	1	118	34	12,000	10.00	Herbert Pate and Wife
Union Grove	Wayne	September	2nd & 4th	108	315	155	2,019	4,869	258	12	1	138	40	30,000	10.00	R. L. Fleming, Mrs. Mary Johnson
Calvary	Wilson	October	1st & 3rd	11	69	6	1,021	1,021	41	3	0	42	19	2,500	5.00	W. H. Godwin, Jessie Godwin
Little Rock	Wilson	September	1st & 3rd	58	365	221	5,143	7,287	260	15	2	125	40	50,000	15.00	Mrs. B. R. Raper, Mrs. Dewey Simpson
Marsh Swamp	Wilson	September	Full Time	114	853	706	5,918	11,493	324	4	3	120	42	58,000	20.00	Hugh Boyette, Stephen Coleman
Milbournie	Wilson	November	1st & 3rd	14	125	15	210	964	91	22	9	92	28	5,000	7.50	D. E. Williamson, Russell Lamm
New Sandy Hill	Wilson	April	First	10	198	16	173	1,058	113	6		102		4,000	5.00	Charles Phillips
Oak Grove	Wilson	June	2nd & 4th		13		50	263	36	2	1	35		500		
People's Chapel	Wilson	September	2nd & 4th		148	48	214	1,148	178			85	26	6,000	10.00	Mrs. Betrice Winstead, Mrs. Edna Winstead
Rose Bud	Wilson	October	2nd & 4th	13	122	38	750	1,686	70	1		55	15	6,000	5.00	G. Frank Sawrey and Wife
St. Mary's	Wilson	September	2nd & 4th	187	319	39	4,221	6,076	234	13		175	40	25,000	7.50	Odell Howell, Nancy Adams
Watson's Grove	Wilson		First		47		41	88	18			15		1,000	5.00	By Letter
Wilson	Wilson	October	Full Time	125	200	127	4,012	8,302	475	29	3	289	75	51,000	10.00	
First Union														15,000	15.00	

Rev. S. A. Smith spoke for Mount Olive College and an offering was received, amounting to \$52.00.

Business was suspended for the morning message.

Rev. W. E. Anderson led the congregation in singing "Love Lifted Me." Rev. Rashie Kennedy introduced the speaker, Rev. Raymond Riggs, who read John 3:16 as a Scripture lesson for his message.

Benediction and thanks for the noonday meal by Rev. Seldon Bullard.

## LUNCH

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened by the congregation singing "Trust and Obey" led by Rev. LaRue Davis. Rev. Willie Renfrow led the devotions, reading from Judges 7:16-21.

The secretary presented the revised church discipline to the conference and it was approved and adopted by a unanimous vote.

By motion, we approve the recommendation by the State Convention in reference to our churches beginning their pastoral and fiscal year as of September first.

By motion, we adopt and approve the work of the Committee on Uniform Examination for the ordination of ministers.

By motion, we approve the proposed boundaries of the Western Conference as recommended by the Boundary Line Committee of the State Mission Board.

### 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 \$1,211.39. This is an increase of \$142.96 over the previous year.

The above amount was given as follows: churches, \$983.91; auxiliaries, \$61.30; Sunday schools, \$79.79; leagues, \$8.00; individuals, \$15.00; union meetings, \$63.39.

We find that there are five (5) of our ministers and six (6) of our ministers' widows who are now receiving regular pension checks from the State Board of Superannuation. During the year one of our ministers who was on the superannuated list has died, namely, Rev. W. H. F. Ivey.

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

We also urge our active ministers, who can qualify, to carry the retirement insurance being offered through the National Board of Superannuation.

Signed,

M. L. JOHNSON  
L. H. BOYKIN  
C. G. ASHLEY

## Report of Church Finance Association, Inc. for 1955

We submit this report of the Church Finance Association, Inc. as of Sept. 1, 1955:

Number of members of the association .....	302
Number of members holding at least one \$25.00 certificate .....	181
Number of \$25.00 certificates now held .....	431
Membership fees collected this year .....	\$ 1,213.98
Total membership fees now held .....	\$ 12,498.64
Number new loans made this year .....	3
Total amount loaned this year .....	\$ 9,900.00
Total number loans made since 1940 .....	45
Total amount of loans made since 1940 .....	\$151,782.45
Number loans now on our books .....	16
Our total receipts during the past year were .....	\$ 23,603.58
Our total disbursements during the past year were .....	\$ 13,335.04

Our balance on hand September 1, 1955 was .....	\$ 10,268.54
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The following figures taken from the annual report January 1, 1955:

Our total assets on Jan. 1, 1955 were .....	\$ 54,260.60
Our total liabilities on Jan. 1, 1955 were .....	\$ 50,236.57

Our earned profit or surplus on Jan. 1, 1955 was .....	\$ 4,024.03
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Our next annual meeting is scheduled to meet at Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, N. C., on Tuesday, January 10, 1956, at 10:30 a. m.

The Western Conference has \$250.00 in the Church Finance Association, Inc., for which you hold ten (10) Certificates.

CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

R. N. HINNANT, *President*

M. L. JOHNSON, *Secretary-Treasurer*

Report to the Western Conference of the Free Will Baptists of North Carolina:

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; 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 Scriptures: 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; 1 Corinthians 9:14.

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 may have been.

The above report was adopted.

By motion, we refrain from accepting into membership of this conference any minister coming from any other conference or association having previously been divorced and remarried.

By motion, we have a conference report blank placed in the back of the minutes.

By motion, the withdrawal of Eastwood Chapel Church from the conference be referred to the Executive Committee.

Rev. Adam Scott was appointed to serve on the Mission Board during the conference, as proxy for Rev. Wingate Hansley.

Rev. Rashie Kennedy reported for the Mission Board and it was received as information.

Rev. Joe Fort presented the work of the editorial department of the Free Will Baptist Press.

Adjournment and benediction by Rev. Adam Scott.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

Rev. J. A. Evans led the congregation in singing "Jesus Saves" and "Rescue the Perishing." Prayer by Rev. G. C. Joyner. Rev. T. H. Willey, missionary on furlough from Cuba, brought an inspiring message, reading from 2 Timothy 2:2. Benediction by Rev. Seldon Bullard.

### THURSDAY MORNING

The congregation sang "All Hail the Power" led by Rev. Seldon Bullard. The devotions were conducted by Rev. Paul Jenkins, reading for a Scripture lesson Ephesians 6:10-24.

Roll call of ministers.

Roll call of churches.

The minutes of the previous day were read for information.

### Report of Free Will Baptist Press

The Western Conference owns 42½ shares of stock in the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C., or an original investment of \$425.00. Each share originally cost the conference \$10.00.

At the present value of these shares the conference has \$5,820.80 invested in the Press.

At present each \$10.00 share is worth \$136.96.

The present value of the Press as given by the auditor in the 1955 report is worth \$156,955.70.

During the 1954-55 fiscal year, a business of \$159,351.52 was realized.

During the same period of time it cost the corporation \$127,321.32 to operate.

During the past year \$1,872.00 was donated for various denominational causes.

At the last audit we had 3,526 subscribers to the Free Will Baptist paper.

We would greatly appreciate your patronage of our Press. We want to supply your church needs. When in need of any books or literature for your church, first contact the Press and see if the need can be supplied by your own institution. Your patronage will help to promote the great work of our denomination.

R. N. HINNANT, *President*

## Report of the Ordaining Council

Your Ordaining Council is pleased to make the following recommendations:

That J. C. Walker, Donnie Strickland, Ronnie Peele and Jimmie Skipper be received and enrolled as licensed ministers, since these brethren have been licensed.

That Daniel J. Merkh be received into our conference upon letter from the South Georgia Association.

That Albert Coates be received into our conference upon letter from the Cape Fear Conference.

That Boyd Shook be received into our conference by letter from the Piedmont Association.

That Wayne Smith be received into our conference by letter from the Blue Ridge Association.

That Raymond Sasser, Garland Teasley, Bobby Rogers and Marvin Williams be placed on our ordained ministers roll, since these brethren have been ordained since the sitting of the last conference.

That Robert Rollins, Dickie Etheridge and Bernard Duke be placed on our roll of ordained ministers after their ordination at this setting of the conference.

That this body extend to each one of these brethren the right hand of fellowship and welcome at the close of the morning service, October 13, 1955.

Prayerfully Submitted,

JOSEPH G. ANGE, *Chairman*

WILLIE RENFROW, *Secretary-Treasurer*

EARL H. GLENN

ALLEN BRYAN

J. B. FERRELL

## Treasurer's Report for 1954-1955

Balance on Hand ..... \$ 72.86

Received:

From Churches ..... \$402.00

From Union Meetings ..... 15.00

Offering for Orphanage ..... 84.32

Offering for Education ..... 49.38

Total Received ..... 550.70

Total to Account for ..... \$623.56

Paid Out:

Orphanage ..... \$ 84.32

Mount Olive College .....	24.69
Bible College .....	24.69
Minutes .....	90.00
Secretary's Expenses .....	56.10
Board of Ordination .....	36.16
Executive Committee .....	20.00
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Total Paid Out .....	335.96
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Balance in Treasury .....	\$287.60

RALPH BARNES, *Treasurer*

For report of Nominating Committee, see officers elected.

### Report of Memorial Committee

We, the Memorial Committee, regret to report the death of the Rev. W. H. Ivey, Selma, N. C., in the past year.

We recommend a moment of silent prayer honoring his memory.

E. B. WILLIAMS

JAMES A. EVANS

BOBBY JACKSON

The requested prayer in the above report was closed by Rev. J. C. Griffin.

By motion, Eastwood Chapel Church be dropped from the roll of churches as requested by letter.

By motion, the work of Elwood Davis in performing the duties of an ordained minister be referred to the Ministerial Character Committee.

### Report of Temperance Committee

We, the Temperance Committee of the Western Conference, do recommend that we strictly adhere to the temperance recommendation of our church covenant. We urge our ministers to read it to their congregation at least twice each year and to every member taken into the church.

We also urge all ministers to refrain from places that sell alcoholic beverages.

RALPH E. CLEGG

NORMAN ADAMS

HILERY MINCHEW

By motion, all churches not representing to the conference each year be investigated by the Executive Committee.

By motion, ministers not reporting by writing or attending the conference in two successive years be referred to the Ministerial Character Committee for investigation.

The moderator recessed the conference for ten minutes.

At the reconvening of the conference, the following ministers were ordained: Robert Rollins, Richard Etheridge and Bernard Duke.

The procedure of ordination was as follows:

1. Song by the congregation, "Ready."
2. Prayer by Rev. B. L. Shook.
3. Solo by Rev. Bobby Jackson, entitled "Our Pilot Be."
4. The charge by Rev. Joseph Ange.
5. Dedicatory prayer and presentation of certificates by Rev. Willie Renfrow.
6. Presentation of Bibles by Rev. Allen Bryan.
7. The hand of fellowship extended to all ministers ordained and received into the conference during the past conference year.

A verbal report of the orphanage was given by the superintendent, Rev. R. H. Jackson. An offering of \$46.50 was received. Prayer of thanks for the offering by Rev. G. Herman Griffin.

Adjournment and benediction by Rev. Allen Bryan.

## LUNCH

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Singing by the congregation, "Trust and Obey." Rev. L. H. Boykin read the first Psalm and made a few remarks.

### Report of Mission Board

We, the Mission Board of the Western Conference, make the following report:

1. We recommend that the conference raise ninety cents (.90) per member this year for missions.
2. We recommend that all mission money from the Western Conference churches be channeled through the State Mission Board treasurer for home and foreign missions.
3. We recommend that the conference pay the traveling expenses for Mission Board members.

HILERY MINCHEW

G. C. JOYNER

ADAM SCOTT

L. H. BOYKIN

### Ministerial Character Board Report

The Ministerial Character Board had a call meeting in the Wilson Free Will Baptist Church, May 5, 1955, to interview M. L. Tyndall. After much questioning, the board recommended him to the Executive Board of the conference.

Done by order of the Ministerial Character Board of the Western Conference.

W. E. RENFROW, *Chairman*

Whereas our Treatise requires an ordained minister to be a member of a Free Will Baptist church in good standing; we, the Ministerial Character Board of the Western Conference, recommend that a copy of the letter by Brother David Wooten be sent to Brother Damon Dodd, our promotional secretary of the National Association, with a prayer and request from this conference that an effort be put

forth to establish a Free Will Baptist work in the state of Pennsylvania. Also a letter to Brother David Wooten asking him to remain with our denomination and try, with the help of the Mission Board, to establish a work there.

We further recommend that Brother E. F. Crisco's name be dropped from our roll since he has left the denomination to join another work.

We further recommend that Brother Clifton Ange be reinstated to serve under license for one year under the watch care of this conference.

#### MINISTERIAL CHARACTER BOARD

W. E. RENFROW, *Chairman*

### Finance Committee Report

Money received during 1955 session of Western Conference:

Received from Churches .....	\$420.50
Received from Union Meetings .....	\$ 15.00
Special Offerings:	
Orphanage .....	\$ 46.50
Mount Olive College .....	\$ 52.00
Total Receipts .....	\$534.00

M. L. JOHNSON

RALPH BARNES

J. A. EVANS

### Statistical Report of Churches Combined for 1954-55

Number churches in the conference .....	52
Number churches reporting .....	49
Number full time churches .....	11
Number 3/4 time churches .....	0
Number 1/2 time churches .....	26
Number 1/4 time churches .....	12
Number ministers pastoring in the conference .....	36
Number delegates listed in reports .....	68
Amount sent to the conference .....	\$ 435.50
Amount paid pastors for the past year .....	59,054.29
Amount raised for missions for the year .....	9,266.59
Amount raised for the orphanage for the year .....	9,562.20
Amount raised for education for the year .....	5,275.37
Amount raised for other purposes for the year .....	115,006.57
Total raised for the year .....	\$ 198,600.52
Number baptised during the year .....	473
Number died during the year .....	76
Total number members .....	8,251
Total average attendance in Sunday school .....	5,285
Total number members woman's auxiliaries .....	1,113

Total value of all church property .....\$1,114,300.00

Signed,

M. L. JOHNSON

RALPH BARNES

J. A. EVANS

By motion, we accept the invitation of Holly Springs Church to convene the 1956 session of the conference.

### Report of Resolutions Committee

1. Be it resolved that the ministerial identification card be changed so that it will read as follows:

This certifies that the bearer

Rev. ....

Is a member of the Western Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists  
in good and regular standing for the year.....

....., Clerk

By motion, the above form be adopted after the present cards are exhausted.

2. Be it resolved that a uniform minister's report form be printed and sent to all ministers of the Western Conference and that all ministers be required to send this report back to the conference, and that this information be printed in the minutes of the conference. We further recommend that the chair appoint a committee to work out the form and present it to the conference for approval when in session next year.

The above resolution was tabled indefinitely.

L. H. BOYKIN

MARVIN WILLIAMS

JOE R. HAAS

By motion, a rising vote of thanks be extended to the pastor, church and friends for their kind hospitality in entertaining the conference.

By motion, a letter of transfer of membership be granted Rev. Allen Bryan to the Cape Fear Conference.

Rev. Wilton Morris gave a verbal report of the Ministers' Conference and it was received as information.

By motion, a rising vote of thanks be extended to the moderator and all retiring officers for services rendered during the past two years.

By motion, we augment by a gift the offerings of Mount Olive College and the orphanage making the total \$75.00 each.

Motion to adjourn.

Benediction by Rev. Dewey Boling.

REV. ALLEN BRYAN, *Moderator*

REV. R. N. HINNANT, *Secretary*

# CHURCH LETTER

to

## WESTERN CONFERENCE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Date....., 19.....

1. Name of church.....  
County .....
2. Delegates .....
3. Pastor of church (next year).....
4. Clerk .....
- Address .....
5. Money sent to conference \$.....
6. What month do you hold your Yearly Meeting?.....
7. What Sunday in the month do you have services?.....
8. Since last conference how much have you (1) paid pastor \$.....;  
(2) raised for missions \$.....; (3) raised for orphanage \$.....;  
(4) raised for education \$.....; (5) other purposes \$.....;  
(6) total raised for year \$.....:
9. Condition of church: (1) number of members.....; (2) baptized  
since last conference.....; (3) average Sunday school attend-  
ance.....; (4) died.....; (5) number members of women's  
auxiliary.....
10. What is the value of your church property? \$.....

NOTE: The conference is held each year on Wednesday and Thursday after the second Sunday in October. Please make your contribution to the conference as large as possible.

