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## OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1956-1957

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Rev. R. N. Hinnant

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Rev. R. N. Hinnant

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Eastern.....	Rev. R. N. Hinnant
Cape Fear.....	Rev. Albert Coates
Central.....	Rev. Raymond Sasser
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Piedmont.....	Rev. Boyd Shook
French Broad.....	Rev. Homer Willis
Blue Ridge.....	Rev. Homer Willis

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Rev. R. N. Hinnant

## ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

W. G. Boykin (Disabled), Raleigh, N. C.  
 R. N. Hinnant, Box 84, Micro, 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.  
 Rommie Mitchell, Kenly, N. C., Route 1  
 Dewey C. Bowling, Clayton, N. C.  
 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.  
 J. C. Varnell, 1211 Adam St., Wilson, N. C.  
 Wiley Ferrell, 409 Tate St., Burlington, N. C.  
 W. E. Rrenfrow, 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.  
 Jasper Edwards, Pine Level, N. C.  
 E. B. Williams, 2431 Guest Road, Durham, N. C.  
 Ralph Clegg, 1800 Washington St., Durham, N. C.  
 W. L. Poythress, 900 Randolph St., Wilson, N. C.  
 G. G. Joyner, Clayton, N. C., Route 1  
 Joseph Ange, Box 277, East Durham, N. C.  
 Bobby Jackson, c/o C. J. Ketteman, Ewing, Ill.  
 Hilery Minchew, Kenly, N. C., Route 1  
 Douglas Johnson, Clayton, N. C.  
 Bobby Aycock, Fremont, N. C., Route 2

Felton Johnson, Kenly, N. C., Route 2  
Joseph G. Yates, Box 312d, Kannapolis, N. C., Route 1  
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 Haas, Morrisville, N. C., Route 1  
Wilton Morris, Kenly, N. C., Route 2  
C. R. Etheridge, 516 W. Vance St., Wilson, N. C.  
B. L. Shook, Box 318, Kenly, N. C.  
Daniel J. Merkh, 1212 E. Main St., Durham, N. C.  
Albert Coates, Smithfield, N. C., Route 1  
Raymond Sasser, 108 Hope Lodge St., Tarboro, N. C.  
Garland Teasley, Burlington, N. C.  
Bobby Rogers, Erwin, N. C.  
Marvin Williams, 2724 Duke Homestead Road, Durham, N. C.  
Robert Rollins, Dudley, N. C., Route 1  
Bernard Duke, Hope Valley Road, Box 75A, Durham, N. C.  
Johnny Eason, Selma, N. C.  
Johnny Walker  
Gene Outland, Lucama, N. C., R. F. D.  
Keith Boyd, Columbia Bible College, Columbia, S. C.  
Herbert Wade, Pine Level, N. C.  
Daniel Rivers  
Homer Willis

#### LICENTIATES

Joe Morris, Kenly, N. C., Route 1  
Emmit Morris, Kenly, N. C., Route 2  
Conrad Williford, Wilmington, N. C.  
Albert M. Rollins, Nashville, Tenn.  
M. L. Pittman, Lucama, N. C.  
Lonnie Graves  
Joe Ingram  
Edmund Gonzalez  
Fred Hall

# CHURCHES, COUNTIES AND PASTORS FOR 1956-1957

## CABARRUS COUNTY

Elwood Lane—Paul Jenkins

## DURHAM COUNTY

Bethesda—E. B. Williams

Calvary—Not Given

Edgemont—Joseph Ange

King's Chapel—Not Given

Oak Grove—Q. G. Worrell

Shady Grove—Joe R. Haas

## FRANKLIN COUNTY

Saint's Delight—Ralph E. Clegg

## JOHNSTON COUNTY

Branch Chapel—W. E. Renfrow

Everett's Chapel—W. L. Poythress

Friendship—Dan Rivers

Holly Springs—W. E. Renfrow

Kenly—Norman Adams

Micro—N. B. Barrow

Pine Level—Herbert Waide

Piney Grove—Dewey Bolling

Pleasant Plain—L. E. Ballard

Rain's Cross Roads—Herbert Waide

Selma—Albert Coates

Stancil's Chapel—W. O. Lassiter

## NASH COUNTY

Barnes Hill—L. H. Boykin

Flood's Chapel—W. E. Renfrow

Free Union—W. E. Renfrow .

Memorial Chapel—J. O. Fort

Mt. Zion—R. N. Hinnant

Piney Grove—J. B. Ferrell

Rock Springs—Johnny Eason

Stony Hill—J. B. Ferrell

Union Chapel—L. H. Boykin

White Oak Hill—Ralph Clegg

## GUILFORD COUNTY

Greensboro—H. E. Willis

## ORANGE COUNTY

Hillsboro—John C. Walker

## WAYNE COUNTY

Fremont Chapel—J. A. Evans

Pleasant Grove—R. N. Hinnant

Pleasant Hill—James Lupton

Spring Hill—Milford Hales

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—H. M. Minchew

Oak Grove—R. C. Proctor

People's Chapel—J. B. Ferrell

Rose Bud—Johnnie Eason

St. Mary's—B. L. Shook

Watson's Grove—T. Renfrow

Mt. Zion—W. O. Lassiter

Wilson—Not Given

## CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICE

### CABARRUS COUNTY

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

### DURHAM COUNTY

Bethesda—J. F. Holder, Box 182B, Durham, N. C., Route 6

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

Edgemont—W. L. Gibbs, Box 277, E. Durham Station, Durham, N. C.

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

Oak Grove—Mrs. Effie Harris, 711 Holloway St., Durham, N. C.

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

### FRANKLIN COUNTY

Saint's Delight—David Dickenson, 107 S. Elm St., Louisburg, N. C.

### JOHNSTON COUNTY

Branch Chapel—Leamon 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 Woodard, Pine Level, N. C.

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

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

Rain's Cross Roads—Robert Braswell, Princeton, N. C., Route 2

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

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

### GUILFORD COUNTY

Greensboro—Miss Irene Waters, c/o Woman's College, N. Spencer Hall, Greensboro, N. C.

### NASH COUNTY

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

Flood's Chapel—Elijah Bissette, Spring Hope, N. C., 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—Clara Jane Manning, Sims, N. C., Route 1

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

### ORANGE COUNTY

Hillsboro—Miss Nancy Tucker, West Hillsboro, N. C.

## 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. Norwood Talton, Pikeville, N. C., Route 2

Spring Hill—Elbert Radford, 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. Rena Wood, Elm City, N. C., Route

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

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

Milbournie—Carris Lucas, 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., Route 2

Rose Bud—Mrs. 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.

Mt. Zion—Millard Crocker, Kenly, N. C., Route 3

First Union Meeting District—C. S. Hinnant, Pikeville, N. C.

Second Union Meeting District—Luther Bissette, Sims, N. C., Route 1



# Proceedings

The seventieth annual session of the Western Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with Holly Springs Church, Johnston County, October 17, 18, 1956.

The congregation sang "There Shall be Showers of Blessings" and "Oh, How I Love Jesus." Scripture was read from Second Chronicles 7:14, by Rev. Bobby Jackson.

After the opening prayer the delegates, ministers and visitors were made welcome by the pastor, Rev. W. E. Renfrow.

Rev. Joseph Ange expressed the appreciation of the conference for the welcome extended by the pastor.

The sermon of the morning was delivered by Rev. Joe Haas using Second Thessalonians as a Scripture reading.

The secretary officially opened the conference and then called the moderator to the chair to preside.

## ROLL CALL OF MINISTERS

*Present first day:* R. N. Hinnant, J. A. Evans, J. B. Ferrell, W. E. Anderson, L. H. Boykin, Rommie Mitchell, Paul Jenkins, Wiley Ferrell, W. E. Renfrow, R. W. Allman, C. G. Ashley, M. L. Johnson, Q. G. Worrell, E. B. Williams, R. E. Clegg, W. L. Poythress, Joseph Ange, Adam Scott, Bobby Jackson, Hilery Minchew, Dewey C. Boling, Joseph C. Yates, G. Herman Griffin, Norman Adams, W. O. Lassiter, Joe R. Haas, Wilton Morris, C. R. Etheridge, B. L. Shook, Albert Coates, Wayne Smith, Raymond Sasser.

*Present second day:* R. N. Hinnant, J. A. Evans, W. E. Anderson, L. H. Boykin, Milford Hales, Rommie Mitchell, L. S. Joyner, Paul Jenkins, Wiley Ferrell, R. W. Allman, C. G. Ashley, M. L. Johnson, Jasper Edwards, Ralph E. Clegg, Joseph Ange, Adam Scott, Bobby Jackson, Hilery Minchew, Felton Johnson, Joseph C. Yates, G. Herman Griffin, Norman Adams, Joe R. Haas, Wilton Morris, B. L. Shook, Albert Coates, Bernard Duke.

## VISITING MINISTERS

(1) Central Conference—Wilbert Everton, J. O. Fort, N. B. Barrow.  
(2) Eastern Conference—S. A. Smith, R. H. Jackson, J. W. Alford, W. S. Burns, J. B. Starnes. (3) Piedmont Association—R. J. Reynolds, Walter Carter. (4) Albemarle Conference—A. F. Williamson. (5) Pee Dee Association—M. L. Baxley. (6) Cape Fear Conference—Allen Bryan, T. E. Beaman. (7) Florida—Dan Rivers.

Motion all visiting ministers be seated with all the privilege of the conference except that of voting.

## ROLL CALL OF CHURCHES

(See statistical table.)

## APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Resolutions—Adam Scott, J. M. Walker, LaRue Davis  
 Temperance—B. L. Shook, E. B. Williams, Paul Jenkins  
 Memorial—W. R. Sawrey, Bobby Jackson, Wilton Morris  
 Time and Place—Emmit Stancil, Zachrie Capps, B. M. Duke  
 Nominating—Wiley Ferrell, Albert Coates, J. C. Yates

## REPORT OF CHILDREN'S HOME (Western Conference)

September 1, 1955 through August 31, 1956

As published in the Columns of *Young People's Friend*.

### GENERAL FUND

Branch Chapel .....	\$446.67
Marsh Swamp .....	584.88
Edgemont .....	541.76
Fremont .....	106.06
Union Chapel .....	25.91
Rose Bud .....	83.31
Holly Springs .....	282.05
St. Mary's .....	224.56
Friendship (Johnston County) .....	202.02
New Sandy Hill .....	180.82
Pleasant Plain .....	978.58
Little Rock .....	75.00
Sherron Acres .....	207.05
White Oak Hill .....	13.36
Calvary .....	54.00
King's Chapel .....	30.00
Micro .....	300.00
Spring Hill .....	128.31
Stancil's Chapel .....	157.10
Pine Level .....	79.68
Flood's Chapel .....	40.45
People's Chapel .....	72.30
Everett's Chapel .....	256.66
Tippett's Chapel .....	201.18
Bethesda .....	25.64
Rain's Cross Roads .....	247.58
Free Union (Nash County) .....	123.95
Union Chapel (Nash County) .....	26.00
Union Grove .....	273.72
Shady Grove .....	138.51
Oak Grove .....	116.45
Piney Grove (Johnston County) .....	284.87
Selma .....	46.56
Stony Hill .....	6.00
Watson Grove .....	30.00

Mt. Zion (Wilson County)	72.50
Rock Springs	51.40
Kenly	200.91
Milbourny	40.00
Stoney Creek	94.26
Mt. Zion (Nash County)	100.00
Friendship	60.45
Barnes Hill	20.00
Wilson	183.66
Pleasant Hill	7.00
Elwood Lane	51.33
St. Mary's (Wilson County)	52.72
Pleasant Grove	10.00
First Union Meeting	200.00
District Auxiliary Convention	81.92
Second Union Meeting	92.65
First District Meeting	50.00
Second District Sunday School Convention	79.80
Orphanage Memorial Chapel	10.00
First Union Meeting	24.58
Second Union Meeting	66.19
Third Union Meeting	24.58
Second Union Ladies' Auxiliary Convention	42.50
Ministerial	10.00

#### CLOTHING FUND

Union Grove	\$ 80.00
Marsh Swamp	120.00
Holly Springs	80.00
Milburney	80.00
Micro	80.00
Pine Level	160.00
Shady Grove	200.00
Friendship	40.00
Spring Hill	80.00
Little Rock	80.00
Selma	80.00
Wilson	80.00
Edgemont	80.00
Sherron Acres	80.00
Pleasant Grove	160.00
Union Chapel	40.00
Rain's Cross Roads	120.00
Pleasant Plain	80.00

#### KITCHEN SINK FUND

Selma	\$ 3.00
Stoney Creek	10.00

## PIANO FUND

Pleasant Grove .....	\$ 10.00
Wilson .....	10.00
Selma .....	5.00
Marsh Swamp .....	5.00
Kenly .....	10.00
Little Rock .....	5.00
Mt. Zion .....	10.00
Stoney Creek .....	15.00
Stancil's Chapel .....	10.00
Union Grove .....	5.00
Little Rock .....	5.00
St. Mary's .....	5.00
Friendship .....	5.00

SUGGESTED QUOTA FOR 1956-1957—\$17,500.00

Motion we extend a rising vote of thanks to Rev. R. H. Jackson for his untiring labors during his tenure of office as superintendent of the Children's Home.

An offering for the Children's Home was received in the amount of \$70.41.

## REPORT OF THE ORDINATION BOARD

of the Western Conference

October 17, 1956

I—We recommend that the following ordained ministers be received into our conference and added to our roll of ordained ministers: Rev. Johnny Eason, Rev. Johnny Walker, Rev. Gene Outland and Rev. Keith Boyd.

We further recommend that Lonnie Graves, Edmund Gonzalez, Fred Hall, Emmit Morris and Joe Ingram be received into our fellowship and enrolled as licentiates.

II—We recommend that Rev. Herbert Waid be received by letter of transfer from the Cumberland Association in Tennessee; we recommend that Rev. Daniel Rivers be received by letter from the South Georgia Association; and that Rev. Homer Willis be received by letter from the Johnson County Conference of Kentucky.

III—We recommend that this conference grant letters of transfer in good standing for Rev. Richard Etheridge to the Eastern Conference; for Rev. Wayne Smith to the Blue Ridge Association; for Rev. Larue Davis to the Albemarle Conference; and for Rev. Adam Scott to the Central Conference.

IV—We further recommend that Brother Billy Ray Creech and Brother Donald Ray Pegram be received and enrolled as licentiates into our conference.

Upon four separate motions by Brother Joe Ange the above recommenda-

Churches	County	Yearly Meetings	Regular Meetings	Raised for Missions	Raised for Orphanage	Raised for Education	Other Purposes	Total Funds Raised	Number Members	Baptized	Died	Sunday School	Auxiliary	Church Property	Conference	Delegates
Elwood Lane	Jabarrus	August	Full Time	\$ 96	\$ 98	\$ 74	\$ 5,556	\$10,284	205	13	8	145	20	\$ 60,000	\$10.00	Guy Dukes and Wife
Bethesda	Durham	October	Full Time	286	34	43	1,064	1,898	20	6	1	30		10,000	2.00	M. E. Thomas, H. O. High
Calvary	Durham	September	Full Time	356	59		3,453	7,500	93	10	1	55	14	25,000	5.00	
Edgemont	Durham	October	Full Time	5,382	500	1,500	21,418	34,000	837	125	6	404	75	113,000	15.00	
King's Chapel	Durham	October	2nd & 4th	64	60	32		1,334	103	12	1	48		6,000	5.00	Fred Pittman and Wife
Oak Grove	Durham	October	Full Time	19	117		2,997	3,016	203	15	2	80	16	6,000	5.00	Mrs. B. Letta, Mrs. D. Gilbert
Shady Grove	Durham	July	Full Time	1,288	446	71	10,077	15,262	227	24		150	33	70,000	10.00	Ed Phipps and Wife
Sts. Delight	Franklin	September	2nd & 4th	242	100	50	45	11,783	252	3	1	170	29	50,000	5.00	
Branch Chapel	Johnston	August	4th	20	106	56	959	2,228	298	11	5	130	10	10,000	15.00	R. L. Moore and Wife
Everett's Chapel	Johnston	June	Full Time	43	150	79	180	2,348	125	3	1	150	24	5,000	5.00	By Letter
Friendship	Johnston	August	2nd & 4th	50	68	75	6,003	7,196	189	2	1	91	26	25,000	10.00	Connie Wilder and Wife
Holly Springs	Johnston	October	1st	50	202	25	1,025	1,962	234	9	3	130	15	20,000	12.50	F. E. Stancil, F. V. Johnson
Kenly	Johnston	August	1st & 3rd	208	338	191	4,257	6,323	181			215	28	30,000	15.00	Jessie Woodard and Wife
Micro	Johnston	August	2nd & 4th	160	300	135	1,320	3,441	175	2	2	150	26	25,000	25.00	Ner Hatcher, Mrs. R. L. Thompson
Pine Level	Johnston	August	2nd & 4th			261	653	2,554	323	12	4	225	35	56,000	10.00	W. Woodard, I. P. Edwards
Piney Grove	Johnston	October	2nd & 4th	73	347	25	589	2,275	251	15	1	185	20	10,000	10.00	I. Barnes and Wife
Pleasant Plain	Johnston	August	2nd & 4th	166	513	397	3,038	5,013	250	3	1	140	30	15,000	15.00	Letha Wall, Naomi Hatcher
Rain's Cross Road	Johnston	September	1st & 3rd	169	348	569	1,352	4,294	278	2	4	165	25	25,000	10.00	I. V. Radford and Wife
Selma	Johnston		Full Time	36	122	24	2,648	4,330	150	6		26		32,000	10.00	B. T. Hill, George Parrish
Stancill's Chapel	Johnston	August	1st & 3rd	84	112	30	1,295	2,014	148	3	2	90	18	15,000	8.00	Sam Johnson and Wife
Greensboro	Guilford	September	Full Time	75			337	412	21			30	10	300	5.00	Mrs. H. E. Willis
Barnes Hill	Nash	May	2nd & 4th	25	117	25	555	1,468	159	2	1	75		4,500	5.00	C. J. Barnes, G. I. Smith
Flood's Chapel	Nash	September	1st & 3rd							14		53	15		4.00	Mrs. W. A. Rhodes, Mrs. J. B. Bissette
Free Union	Nash	September	2nd & 4th	20	165	60	2,150	3,050	83	1	1	85	30	10,000	5.00	By Letter
Memorial Chapel	Nash		1st & 3rd	35	15	125	180	545	50	12		85		75,000	5.00	
Mt. Zion	Nash	September	3rd	43	113	60	568	1,394	180			120	25	15,000	10.00	G. D. Bass, Tom Matthews
Piney Grove	Nash		2nd						34	4	1			3,500	5.00	R. D. Vandiford and wife
Rock Spring	Nash	September	1st & 3rd	8	75	20	788	1,271	76	4	1	70	11	5,000	5.00	Luther Bissette and Wife
Stony Hill	Nash	July	1st & 3rd	12			230	963	92	2		50	20	7,500	5.00	I. D. Boswell
Union Chapel	Nash	August	3rd		26			311	46	2	2	40		2,000	5.00	M. Todd, L. Hinnant
White Oak Hill	Nash	September	1st & 3rd	238	106	19	1,348	3,309	204	17		115	32	25,000	10.00	Oscar Hinton and Wife
Hillsboro	Orange	November	Full Time	6			923	961	45	2		40		6,000	5.00	F. L. Foster
Fremont	Wayne	September	1st & 3rd	75	63	31	120	1,489	113			95	20	10,000	10.00	Zachrey Capps
Pleasant Grove	Wayne	August	1st	59	631	410	6,390	8,099	225	8	1	147	31	40,000	15.00	Raymond Fields and Wife
Pleasant Hill	Wayne	August	3rd	13	86	207	2,075	2,831	96	1		86	10	6,000	5.00	W. A. Hall and Wife
Spring Hill	Wayne	August	1st & 3rd		100			696		3	3	70	10	25,000	5.00	By Letter
Stoney Creek	Wayne	October	2nd & 4th	86	430	174	10,349	12,240	126	3	1	155	35	18,000	10.00	I. Kennedy and Wife
Union Grove	Wayne	September	2nd & 4th	165	349	202	2,156	3,764	262	4	1	145	40	15,000	10.00	R. J. Flemming
Calvary	Wilson	October	1st & 3rd	19	11	5	240	690	39			65	18	2,500	5.00	W. H. Godwin
Little Rock	Wilson	September	1st & 3rd	72	232	484	5,902	8,310	279	10	2	125	35	50,000	15.00	J. M. Walker and Wife
Marsh Swamp	Wilson	September	Full Time	198	665	591	3,183	8,487	329	5	1	152	28	58,000	20.00	Etta Haynes, Claudia Fulghum
Milbourne	Wilson	November	1st & 3rd		126			2,196	97	21	4	118	27	7,000	10.00	By Letter
New Sandy Hill	Wilson	April	1st	32	183	52	1,193	1,880	115	10		116	15	4,000	5.00	Jennie Sherrod, Janie Williams
Oak Grove	Wilson	June	2nd & 4th	6	9			282	34					500	3.00	
People's Chapel	Wilson	September	2nd & 4th		39	74	661	1,493	187	6	2	90	25	7,000	10.00	I. N. Winstead, A. Turner
Rose Bud	Wilson	September	2nd & 4th	21	106	26	664	1,801	76	6		57	13	6,000	5.00	W. R. Sawrey and Wife
St. Mary's	Wilson	September	2nd & 4th	169	318	59	2,354	4,639	260	35	1	198	40	25,000	7.50	Inez Edwards, Annie Pittman
Watson's Grove	Wilson		1st		30				18			10		1,000	5.00	Eddy Watson
Mt. Zion	Wilson	August	2nd & 4th		65		2,600	3,817	125	2	1	95	15	8,000	10.00	Jim Renfrow and Wife
First Union														25.00		Bud Smith
Second Union															5.00	T. R. Lee, C. S. Edwards
Timnett's Chapel	Wake			20	54		156		108	51	1	105		7,500		

tions were adopted and the above ministers extended the right hand of fellowship and good will.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH G. ANGE, *Chairman*

WAYNE SMITH, *Secretary*

R. W. ALLMAN

EARL GLENN

RALPH CLEGG

The moderator adjourned the conference for lunch and benediction by Rev. R. H. Jackson.

### LUNCH

At the reassembling of the conference the congregation sang, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Rev. Raymond Sasser used as a devotional Scripture, Second Kings 2:3. "Mansion Over the Hilltops" was sung by three ladies.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, FEBRUARY 9, 1956

The committee met at Edgemont Church with the following persons present: Rev. J. A. Evans, Rev. Adam Scott, Rev. Homer Willis, proxy for R. N. Hinnant, Rev. Wayne Smith, proxy for B. L. Shook, Brother Ralph Barnes, proxy for M. L. Johnson, Rev. Joseph Ange.

The meeting opened with prayer by Brother Lonnie Graves.

By motion Rev. Homer Willis be accepted under the watchcare of the conference and was extended the hand of fellowship.

The committee met with the representatives of Fellowship Church who asked that the committee organize their group into a Free Will Baptist church under the watchcare of the Western Conference.

The chairman read the rules and procedure for organizing a new church and the leader gave a background of the church and the property to be used by the church, and the meeting adjourned to meet at the church for the evening service.

Brother Graves led the congregation in a hymn.

Prayer by Rev. Norman Adams.

Brother Graves presented Rev. J. A. Evans, who presided at the service of organization.

Rev. Adam Scott read the Scripture.

Rev. Evans read rules for organization to the church.

The list of charter members was called and election of officers was held as follows:

Clerk, Homer Watson, 2006 Carter St.

Treasurer, Alton Gregory.

Trustees and Deacons: Luther Walker, Homer Watson and Eutha Keith.

The name selected by the group was Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. Wayne Smith presented the Bible to the church.

Rev. Evans read the statement of Faith and Practice of Free Will Baptists.

Rev. Homer Willis read the Church Covenant.

Brother Graves led the congregation in the hymn of invitation and the right hand of fellowship was extended by the committee to the members of the new church.

After the benediction the committee met and voted to give the church a sign for the front of the church.

By motion, it was decided to give the executive committee, the board of ordination and the board of missions \$50.00 each and let them report on the use of the money to the conference.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer.

J. A. EVANS, *Chairman*

RALPH BARNES, *Secretary pro tem*

The executive committee met at Mount Olive College, Tuesday, September 4, 1956.

Motion that Rev. Joseph Ange supervise the young preacher at Durham (Lonnie Graves) who had previously been under the supervision of Rev. Wayne Smith. Brother Graves is a licentiate.

J. A. EVANS, *Chairman*

B. L. SHOOK, *Secretary pro tem*

## ORGANIZATION OF GREENSBORO CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 30, 1956, 7:30 P. M.

The meeting opened with a song and prayer service.

Rev. Homer E. Willis, missionary, introduced the conference moderator, Rev. James A. Evans, who proceeded with the organization by reading from the "Faith and Discipline," Pages 44 and 45.

The roll was called of charter members; there were 18 members with 3 wishing to become members, making a total membership of 21. The membership was left open for 30 days for charter members.

Officers were elected as given in the minutes of the mission.

The Bible was presented by Rev. Garland Teasley.

The Statement of Faith and Practice was read by Rev. Norman Adams; the Church Covenant read by Rev. Homer Willis; and the prayer of consecration by Rev. Green.

The hand of fellowship was given the moderator and committee, followed with the benediction by George Brannon.

JAMES A. EVANS, *Moderator Western Conference*

Motion the minutes of the executive committee be adopted.

Motion that the Greensboro Free Will Baptist Church be admitted into membership of the Western Conference.

Rev. J. O. Fort, editor, made a verbal report of the literature published by the Free Will Baptist Press.

### REPORT OF CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC., 1956

Report of the Church Finance Association, Inc. to the Western Conference as of September 1, 1956:

Number members of the association .....	320
Number members holding at least one \$25.00 certificate .....	195
Number of \$25.00 certificates now held .....	468
Membership fees collected this year .....	\$ 1,092.28
Total membership fees now held .....	\$13,928.72
Number new loans made this year .....	8
Total amount loaned this year .....	\$42,700.00
Total number loans made since 1940 .....	53
Total amount of loans made since 1940 .....	\$194,482.45
Number loans now on our books .....	23
Our total receipts during the past year .....	\$50,860.54
Our total disbursements during the past year .....	\$47,367.46
Our balance on hand September 1, 1956 .....	\$ 3,493.08

The following figures taken from the annual report made on January 1, 1956:

Our total assets on January 1, 1956 .....	\$69,101.21
Our total liabilities January 1, 1956 .....	64,597.31

Our earned profit on surplus January 1, 1956.....\$ 4,503.90

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

Our next annual meeting is scheduled to meet at Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, on Tuesday, January 15, 1957, at 10:30 a. m.

Church Finance Association, Inc.

R. N. HINNANT, *President*

M. L. JOHNSON, *Secretary-Treasurer*

Revs. M. L. Johnson and W. M. Everton gave informative reports on superannuation activities and it was received as information.

Motion we receive an offering for Greensboro Church. The offering amounted to \$35.63.

Motion the moderator appoint a committee of three to study the length or duration necessary for the convening of the annual conference. The following were appointed: M. L. Johnson, Joe Haas, R. W. Allman.

Motion to adjourn. Benediction by Rev. Paul Jenkins.



## THURSDAY MORNING

At 9:30 a. m. the conference convened and the congregation sang, "Love Lifted Me" and "The Light of the World Is Jesus." The Scripture was read from Matthew 5:13 by Rev. Herbert Waid. The conference sermon was delivered by Rev. M. L. Johnson, using as a text, Matthew 28:16. "Onward Christian Soldiers" was sung by the congregation and prayer by Rev. W. E. Anderson.

Revs. Joe Haas and Wiley Ferrell were temporarily appointed to serve on the Board of Ministerial Character.

Rev. Billy Morris asked, by letter, to be granted a letter of transfer to the South Carolina Conference.

Motion an offering be received for Mount Olive College and the amount received was \$44.00.

### TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1955-1956

Balance on Hand	\$287.60
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Received:

From Churches	\$420.50
From Union Meetings	15.00
Offering for Children's Home	46.50
Offering for Mt. Olive College	52.00

Total Received	534.00
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Total To Account For	\$821.60
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Paid Out:

Children's Home	\$ 75.00
Mt. Olive College	75.00
Secretary's Expenses	60.00
1955 Ministers' Conference	67.50
1956 Ministers' Conference	60.00
Minutes	105.00
Sign for Fellowship Church	5.00
Executive Committee	90.04
Board of Missions	72.08
Board of Ordination	50.00

Total Paid Out	659.62
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Balance in Treasury	\$161.98
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RALPH BARNES, *Treasurer*

### REPORT OF MISSION BOARD

Special Project During March and April

Visited 35 Churches in Conference

Total Miles Traveled	3,031
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Total Expense	\$379.47
Total Offering From Churches	\$686.38
Less Offering Sent Direct to Brother Barrow	66.52
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Total	\$619.86
Less Expense From Mission Board	379.47
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Total Offering Sent to State Mission Board	\$240.39
The Executive Committee Alloted	\$ 50.00
To Mission Board for Its Expenses	50.00
Total Expenses	\$ 27.02
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Total in Treasury	\$ 22.98

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We recommend to this conference that each pastor work together with the mission board, in securing the proposed fund for missions which is \$1.00 per member.

2. We recommend that each pastor of the Western Conference encourage their members to be mission minded and to give to home missions.

Submitted by:

NORMAN Q. ADAMS

HILERY MINCHEW

DOUGLAS JOHNSON, JOE HAAS, Proxy

E. B. WILLIAMS

G. H. GRIFFIN

Motion to accept the financial statement of the executixe committee and pay all accounts due members.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT OF EXPENSES

The executive committee met officially three times as follows: Durham, March 9, 1956; Greensboro, July 26, 1956; and Mt. Olive, September 4, 1956. We also met two times as a council on minor matters.

We received for expenses from the treasurer, Ralph Barnes, March 9, 1956, \$50.00.

Our expenses have been as follows:

Fellowship Church, Durham, February 21	\$10.00
Fellowship Church Organization, March 9	10.02
Executive Meeting, Mt. Olive, September 4	4.80
Organization of Greensboro Church, September 30	15.24
Telephone, Postage, etc	15.02
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Total Expenses	\$55.08
Balance Due from Conference	\$ 5.08

Other board members' unpaid expenses:

B. L. Shook, Kenly, North Carolina, Mt. Olive Meeting, 74 miles, \$4.44.  
Adam Scott, Durham, North Carolina, Mt. Olive Meeting, 180 miles,  
\$10.80.

JAMES A. EVANS, *Moderator-Chairman Executive Board*

#### FINANCIAL REPORT OF ORDINATION BOARD

Received		\$50.00
Mileage	\$ 8.40	
Mileage	3.64	
Mileage	2.10	
Bibles	26.00	
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Total Expense		40.14
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Balance		\$ 9.86

JOSEPH L. ANGE

#### REPORT OF MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

We, the memorial committee, regret to report the death of Rev. Walter R. Williams, Pine Level, North Carolina, during the past year. We recommend a brief service consisting of Scripture, comment and prayer honoring the memory of this great soldier of the Cross. The memorial service was held using Matthew 28:19, 20. Prayer was by Rev. James A. Evans.

• W. R. SAWREY  
BOBBY JACKSON  
WILTON MORRIS

Motion to adjourn for lunch and benediction by Rev. Bobby Jackson.

#### LUNCH

Rev. W. E. Anderson conducted the devotional service leading in the singing of "Closer to Thee" by the congregation. Scripture was read from Matthew 23:36-41. Brother Anderson sang a solo entitled "Alone."

#### REGULATION

Whereas, the conference has a mission board working to preach and organize new churches, and the gap between the time Church Finance can make a loan, a board of church extension could fill the gap.

Be it resolved that a board of church extension be elected to manage the funds raised within the conference to aid building programs of new churches.

Your resolution committee,  
ADAM SCOTT  
J. M. WALKER

Motion the trustees of the conference be elected to comply with the above resolution.

Motion Section 2, Page 19, of the 1955 minutes be approved and Rev.

Joseph Ange serve as chairman of the committee with the executive committee.

## REPORT OF MINISTERIAL CHARACTER COMMITTEE

We recommend the following names be dropped from the roll of ministers:

Dee Bissette, Donald Upright, M. W. Roach, David Wooten, Charles Bryan, William Phipps, Edward Hill, L. E. Morris, Marvin Prevatt, Robert W. Williams, Clifton Ange, P. R. Williams, Wingate Hansley.

Committee,

W. E. RENFROW

R. W. ALLMAN

ADAM SCOTT

WILEY FERRELL

JOE HAAS

Motion the report of the ministerial character committee be accepted and the clerk write each minister named, informing him of the action of the conference.

## REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

(See officers elected.)

## REPORT OF TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE

Wednesday and Thursday

TIME: October 18, 19, 1957

PLACE: Flood's Chapel, Nash County, has asked for conference for 1957.

T. EMMETT STANCIL

Z. T. CAPPS

REV. BERNARD DUKE

## REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, the temperance committee of the Western Conference, recommend that we strictly adhere to the temperance recommendation of our Church Covenant, Paragraph 11.

We urge our ministers to discourage the use or sale of alcoholic beverages.

We also urge our people to register and vote if given the opportunity for the referendum.

Committee,

BOYD L. SHOOK

PAUL JENKINS

E. B. WILLIAMS

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Money received during 1954 session of Western Conference:

Received from Churches .....	\$417.00
Received from Union Meetings .....	30.00
Special Offerings:	
Orphanage .....	70.41
Greensboro Church .....	35.63
Mount Olive College .....	44.00

Total Receipts .....	<u>\$597.04</u>
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Signed, M. L. JOHNSON

Turned over to the treasurer, \$597.04.

Receipt acknowledged, Ralph Barnes, Treasurer.

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF CHURCHES COMBINED 1955-1956

Number churches in the conference .....	53
Number churches reporting .....	49
Number full-time churches .....	11
Number ½ time churches .....	28
Number ¼ time churches .....	10
Number ministers pastoring in the conference .....	36
Number delegates listed in reports .....	74
Amount sent to the conference .....	<u>\$ 447.00</u>
Amount paid pastors for the past year .....	\$ 56,342.59
Amount raised for missions for the year .....	10,174.85
Amount raised for the orphanage for the year .....	8,106.22
Amount raised for education for the year .....	6,266.42
Amount raised for other purposes for the year .....	113,201.88
Total raised for the year .....	<u>\$194,091.96</u>
Number baptised during the year .....	422
Number died during the year .....	55
Total number members .....	7,875
Total average attendance in Sunday school .....	5,227
Total number members woman's auxiliaries .....	972
Total value of all church property .....	<u>\$1,067,800.00</u>

Signed, M. L. JOHNSON

## REPORT OF SUPERANNUATIONS

Churches .....	\$1,205.14
Auxiliaries .....	30.00
Sunday Schools .....	153.56
Individuals .....	25.12

Union Meetings ..... 87.50

Total .....\$1,501.32

Motion a rising vote of thanks be given to the local church for the fine way they entertained the conference.

Motion the following be allocated:

Church Extension, \$25.00

Mount Olive College, \$75.00

Children's Home, \$75.00

State Missions, \$25.00

A verbal report of the Free Will Baptist Press was given by L. A. Dunn and R. N. Hinnant and was received as information.

Motion to adjourn the 1956 session and the benediction was by Mr. C. K. Dunn Sr.

REV. J. A. EVANS, *Moderator*

REV. R. N. HINNANT, *Clerk*

# 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.

