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of the

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of the

WESTERN CONFERENCE

of the

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Moderator	M. L. Johnson
Assistant Moderator	Norman Adams
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R. N. Hinnant, Box 84, Micro, N. C.
J. A. Evans, Route 1, Box 295, Kenly, N. C.
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L. H. Boykin, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.
Milford Hales, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.
Rommie Mitchell, Route 1, Kenly, N. C.
Dewey C. Bowling, Clayton, N. C.
T. Renfrow, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.
L. S. Joyner, 220 Lynn Road, Durham, N. C.
Paul Jenkins, Route 1, Box 49, Kannapolis, N. C.
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J. C. Varnell, 1211 Adams St., Wilson, N. C.
Wiley Ferrell, Route 3, Graham, N. C.
W. E. Renfrow, Route 2, Kenly, N. C.
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Jasper Edwards, Route 3, Selma, N. C.
E. B. Williams, 2431 Guest Road, Durham, N. C.
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W. L. Poythress, 215 Dewey St., Wilson, N. C.
G. C. Joyner, Route 3, Smithfield, N. C.
Bobby Jackson, c/o C. J. Ketterman, Ewing, Ill.
Hilery Minchew, Route 1, Kenly, N. C.
Felton Johnson, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.
Joseph G. Yates, Box 312D, Route 1, Kannapolis, N. C.
G. Herman Griffin, Route 3, Elm City, N. C.
Norman Adams, Box 378, Kenly, N. C.
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Albert Coates, Route 1, Smithfield, N. C.
Raymond Sasser, 108 Hope Lodge St., Tarboro, N. C.
Marvin Williams, 2724 Duke Homestead Road, Durham, N. C.
Bernard Duke, Hope Valley Road, Box 75A, Durham, N. C.
Johnny Eason, Box 573, Middlesex, N. C.
Johnny Walker, 2211 Guest Road, Durham, N. C.
Herbert Waid, Pine Level, N. C.
Daniel Rivers, Route 1, Sims, N. C.
Earl Glenn, Wilson, N. C.
Joseph H. Ingram, Box 162, Route 2, Mt. Olive, N. C.
Albert Rollins, Route 21, Box 42, Dover, N. C.

Lonnie Graves, Box 8081 N. Durham Station, Durham, N. C.
Edmund Gonzales, 311 Spring Road, Durham, N. C.
Donald R. Pegram, 120 Broadway St., Durham, N. C.
Carl R. Osborne, 300 Lynn Road, Durham, N. C.
Robert Woodard, 641 Cranford Ave., Durham, N. C.
Ronald Creech, Box 277, E. Durham Station, Durham, N. C.
George A. Ludwig, Route 1, Morrisville, N. C.
Eddie Corn, Route 6, Raleigh, N. C.
Paul Lee, Route 1, Bailey, N. C.
George H. Branning
Dee Bissette, Route 2, Bailey, N. C.
Charles Bryan, 616½ S. Washington St., Marion, Indiana.
Julian C. Brooks, Kannapolis, N. C.

SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS

W. G. Boykin, Raleigh, N. C.
M. L. Cummings, Wake County Home, Raleigh, N. C.
W. E. Anderson, 1400 Shepherd St., Morehead City, N. C.
W. G. Pike, Selma, N. C.
A. P. Lee, Pikeville, N. C.

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Ronnie Peele, Nashville, Tenn.
Fred Hall, Nashville, Tenn.
Keith Boyd, Columbia, S. C.

LICENTIATES

Emmit Morris, Route 2, Kenly, N. C.
Conrad Williford, Wilmington, N. C.
M. L. Pittman, 408 Park Ave., Wilson, N. C.
Billy Ray Creech, Selma, N. C.
R. L. Moore, Clayton, N. C.
Cedric D. Pierce Jr., Pikeville, N. C.
Luby Tyner, Selma, N. C.
Bill McCorkle, 12F Few Gardens, Durham, N. C.

CHURCHES, COUNTIES AND PASTORS FOR 1957-1958

ALAMANCE COUNTY

Traveler's Rest—Wiley Ferrell

CABARRUS COUNTY

Elwood Lane—Paul Jenkins

DURHAM COUNTY

Bethesda—E. B. Williams

Calvary—R. G. Woodard

Edgemont—Ronald Creech

Fellowship—Lonnie Graves

King's Chapel—Edmund Gonzalez

Oak Grove—Q. G. Worrell

Shady Grove—G. A. Ludwig

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Saint's Delight—Ralph E. Clegg

GUILFORD COUNTY

Greensboro—G. H. Branning

JOHNSTON COUNTY

Branch Chapel—W. E. Renfrow

Everett's Chapel—W. L. Poythress

Friendship—Johnny Eason

Holly Springs—P. C. Wiggs

Kenly—Norman Q. Adams

Micro—N. B. Barrow

Pine Level—Herbert Waid

Piney Grove—Dewey Bowling

Pleasant Plain—L. E. Ballard

Selma—Albert T. Coates

Stancil's Chapel—W. O. Lassiter

NASH COUNTY

Barnes Hill—Felton Johnson

Flood's Chapel—Willie Renfrow

Free Union—T. E. Beaman

Memorial Chapel—J. O. Fort

Mt. Zion—R. N. Hinnant

Rock Springs—Johnny Eason

Stony Hill—J. B. Ferrell

Union Chapel—L. H. Boykin

White Oak Hill—Paul Lee

ORANGE COUNTY

Hillsboro—

WAKE COUNTY

Tippett's Chapel—G. C. Joyner

WAYNE COUNTY

Black Jack Grove—Douglas Johnson

Fremont—W. E. Renfrow

Pleasant Grove—R. N. Hinnant

Pleasant Hill—James Lupton

Spring Hill—Milford Hales

Stoney Creek—J. A. Evans

Union Grove—R. N. Hinnant

WILSON COUNTY

Little Rock—N. B. Barrow

Marsh Swamp—Daniel Rivers

Mt. Zion—W. O. Lassiter

New Sandy Hill—C. E. Rose

Oak Grove—D. Bissette

People's Chapel—J. B. Ferrell

Rose Bud

St. Mary's—B. L. Shook

Watson's Grove—T. Renfrow

Wilson—Earl H. Glenn

CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES

ALAMANCE COUNTY

Traveler's Rest—Elsie L. Ferrell, Route 3, Graham, N. C.

CABARRUS COUNTY

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

DURHAM COUNTY

Bethesda—F. M. Suggs, 3739 Angier Ave., Durham, N. C.

Calvary—I. L. Whitaker, 914 Eighth St., Durham, N. C.

Edgemont—E. B. Honneycutt, Box 277 E. Durham Station, Durham, N. C.

Fellowship—Barbara Hampton, 8081 North Durham, N. C.

King's Chapel—Mrs. Hazel Johnson, Route 5, Box 185, Durham, N. C.

Oak Grove—Mrs. Billie M. Latta, 506 Carrin St., Durham, N. C.

Shady Grove—J. L. Clements, Route 1, Morrisville, N. C.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

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

GUILFORD COUNTY

Greensboro—Miss Irene Waters, Woman's College, North Spencer
Dorm, Greensboro, N. C.

JOHNSTON COUNTY

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

Everett's Chapel—Buck Smith, 502 Blanchard St., Clayton, N. C.

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

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

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

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

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

Piney Grove—Luther Pope, Box 115, Kenly, N. C.

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

Selma—Mrs. R. L. Stancil, Selma, N. C.

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

NASH COUNTY

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

Flood's Chapel—Elijah Bissette, Route 1, Spring Hope, N. C.

Free Union—H. C. Morgan, Route 2, Spring Hope, N. C.

Memorial Chapel—Mrs. Horace Mixon, F. W. B. Children's Home,
Middlesex, N. C.

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

Rock Springs—Mrs. Daisy Lucas, 801 Libby St., Wilson, N. C.

Stony Hill—Mrs. Mable Glover, Route 2, Middlesex, N. C.

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

White Oak Hill—H. Lee Patterson, Route 2, Middlesex, N. C.

ORANGE COUNTY

Hillsboro—Mrs. Lillian Tyson, Hillsboro, N. C.

WAKE COUNTY

Tippett's Chapel—Jaylee Ross, Route 2, Raleigh, N. C.

WAYNE COUNTY

Black Jack Grove—T. C. Hines, Route 4, Box 53, Goldsboro, N. C.

Fremont—James Peele, Route 2, Pikeville, N. C.

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

Pleasant Hill—Mrs. Norwood Talton, Route 2, Pikeville, N. C., c/o
Clarence Bunn

Spring Hill—Mrs. B. H. Woodard, Route 5, Box 476, Goldsboro, N. C.

Stoney Creek—Esper Futrell, Route 2, Stantonsburg, N. C.

Union Grove—D. B. Morris, Route 2, Fremont, N. C.

WILSON COUNTY

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

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

Mt. Zion—Evel Boykin, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.

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

Oak Grove—Miss Frances Bridgers, Route 3, Elm City, N. C.

People's Chapel—Miss Edna Wells, Route 2, Box 101-A, Elm City, N.
C.

Rose Bud—Mrs. G. Frank Sawrey, Route 4, Wilson, N. C.

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

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

Wilson—Mrs. Eunice W. Boykin, 1407 S. Goldsboro St., Wilson, N. C.

First Union Meeting District—C. S. Hinnant, Route 2, Pikeville, N. C.

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

PROCEEDINGS

The seventy-first annual session of the Western Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with Flood's Chapel Church, Nash County, October 16, 17, 1957.

The conference opening song, "Work for the Night Is Coming," was sung by the congregation.

Rev. R. W. Allman conducted the opening devotions, reading as a Scripture lesson, John 13:33-35, emphasizing "Love" as a theme for the conference.

Miss Serena Futrell rendered a vocal solo, "I know Who Holds Tomorrow."

The introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. W. E. Renfrow, reading John 17:13-21, followed by prayer. His subject was "A Challenge to the Church."

The secretary officially opened the conference for business, calling on the moderator 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, E. B. Williams, Ralph Clegg, W. L. Poythress, Hilery Minchew, G. Herman Griffin, Norman Adams, W. O. Lassiter, Wilton Morris, B. L. Shook, Albert Coates, Robert Rollins, Bernard Duke, Johnny Eason, Albert M. Rollins, M. L. Pittman, Lonnie Graves, Joe Ingram, Edmund Gonzales, Julian C. Brooks, Luby Tyner, D. Bisette, Charles Bryan, Donald R. Pegram, Robert Woodard, George Branning, Ronald Creech, George Ludwig, Eddie Corn, Paul Lee.

Present second day: R. N. Hinnant, J. A. Evans, J. B. Ferrell, W. B. Anderson, L. H. Boykin, Milford Hales, L. S. Joyner, Paul Jenkins, J. C. Varnell, W. E. Renfrow, R. W. Allman, Milton Davis, M. L. Johnson, Jasper Edwards, E. B. Williams, Ralph Clegg, Hilery Minchew, Felton Johnson, G. Herman Griffin, Norman Adams, W. O. Lassiter, Joe Haas, Wilton Morris, C. R. Etheridge, B. L. Shook, Albert Coates, Robert Rollins, Bernard Duke, Johnny Eason, Gene Outland, Daniel Rivers, Albert M. Rollins, Lonnie Graves, Joe Ingram, Edmund Gonzales, Julian C. Brooks, Luby Tyner, D. Bisette, Robert Woodard, Ronald Creech, George Ludwig, Eddie Corn, Paul Lee.

VISITING MINISTERS

Cape Fear Conference—J. R. Davidson, T. E. Beaman

Eastern Conference—S. A. Smith, Linwood Parker

Central Conference—N. B. Barrow, J. O. Fort, Frank Davenport

Georgia Conference—T. G. Hamilton

Tennessee Union Association—Frank Thompson
Virginia—Fred Rivenbark, W. H. Fentress

MINISTER REPRESENTING BY LETTER

John C. Walker

ROLL CALL OF CHURCHES

(See statistical table.)

REPORT OF THE ORDINATION BOARD OF THE
WESTERN CONFERENCE

October 16, 1957

1. We recommend that the following ministers be received into our conference and added to our roll of ordained ministers: Rev. Joseph H. Ingram, Route 2, Box 162, Mount Olive, N. C.; Rev. Lonnie Graves, Box 8081, N. Durham Station, Durham, N. C.; Rev. Albert Rollins, Route 1, Box 42, Dover, N. C.; Rev. Fred Hall, Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. Edward Gonzales, 311 Spring Road, Durham, N. C.; Rev. Ronnie Peele, Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. Donald R. Pegram, 120 Broadway St., Durham, N. C.

We further recommend that Julian C. Brooks, Kannapolis, N. C.; R. L. Moore, Clayton, N. C.; Cedric Dixon Pierce Jr., Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Luby Tyner, Selma, N. C.; Bill McCorkle, 12 F. Few Gardens, Durham, N. C., be received into our fellowship and enrolled as licentiates.

2. We recommend that Rev. Carl R. Osborne, 300 Lynn Road, Durham, N. C., be received by letter of transfer from the Union Association in Tennessee. We recommend that Rev. Robert Woodard, 641 Cranford Ave., Durham, N. C., be reinstated and added to our roll of ordained ministers.

3. We recommend that the following ministers be included on the roll of ordained ministers: Rev. Ronald Creech, Box 277, E. Durham Station, Durham, N. C., by letter from South Carolina Conferences; Rev. George A. Ludwig, Route 1, Morrisville, N. C., pending letter from South Georgia Conference; Rev. Eddie Corn, Route 6, Raleigh, N. C., pending letter from South Carolina Conference; and Rev. Paul Lee, Route 1, Bailey, N. C., pending letter from Piedmont Association.

4. We recommend that Brother Billy Ray Creech, Selma, N. C., be enrolled as a licensed minister.

5. We recommend a letter of transfer be granted to Rev. R. W. Allman to the Cape Fear Conference.

6. Financial statement of the Western Conference Ordination Board:

Balance on Hand, October 16, 1956	\$11.13
Appropriated by Conference	50.00
Total	<hr/> \$61.13

Purchased Seven Bibles

56.00

Balance

\$ 5.13

7. Western Conference Ordination Board Mileage:

The members of the Ordination Board attended the official board meeting traveling a total mileage of 1,021 miles as follows:

Joseph G. Ange, 120 miles traveled.

Ralph Clegg, 330 miles traveled.

R. W. Allman, 115 miles traveled.

Albert Coates, 244 miles traveled for board meetings; 212 miles traveled for ordination service of Ronnie Peele and Donald Pegram.

All these meetings were attended with no refund for traveling expense, as there was no money available. All monies allotted to the ordination board was used to purchase Bibles for the candidates for ordination.

REPORT OF MISSION BOARD OF THE WESTERN CONFERENCE

We are grateful for the way the Lord has blessed in our work during the past year. We are thankful that some of you have made it possible for us to become active. This year is the first time a mission board has had a balance in its treasury since the organizing of a mission board.

We have proposed a budget this year for \$11,103.25. (No your eyes are not deceiving you.) We are asking \$1.25 per member from each church in our conference. If each church will meet its quota, we will be able to help support the church in Greensboro and the church in Burlington. Brother George Brannan is doing a good work at the church in Greensboro.

We are happy to be able to announce to you that the mission in Burlington was organized Sunday, September 29, 1957. The church has 21 active members. They will be received into fellowship during the setting of this conference. We would like to commend Brother Garland Teasley for his untiring work in starting the mission. We believe this church to have great potentials. It is located on the main highway leading into Burlington and only one-half mile from the Western Electric plant. Let's pray for this work.

BUDGET FOR 1957-1958 (\$1.25 PER MEMBER)

Name of Churches and Membership	Quota
1. Elwood Lane, 205	\$ 256.25
2. Bethesda, 20	25.00
3. Calvary (Durham), 93	116.25
4. Edgemont, 837	1,046.25
5. King's Chapel, 103	128.35
6. Oak Grove, 203	253.75
7. Shady Grove, 227	283.75
8. Sherron Acres, 225	281.25
9. Saint's Delight, 252	315.00

10. Everette's Chapel, 125	156.25
11. Branch Chapel, 298	372.50
12. Friendship, 189	236.25
13. Holly Springs, 234	292.50
14. Kenly, 181	226.25
15. Micro, 175	218.75
16. Pine Level, 323	403.75
17. Piney Grove (Johnston Co.), 251	313.75
18. Pleasant Plains, 250	312.50
19. Rain's Cross Roads, 278	347.50
20. Selma, 150	187.50
21. Stancil's Chapel, 148	185.00
22. Greensboro, 21	26.25
23. Barnes Hill, 159	198.75
24. Flood's Chapel	
25. Free Union, 83	103.25
26. Mt. Zion, 180	225.00
27. Memorial Chapel, 50	62.50
28. Piney Grove (Nash Co.), 34	42.50
29. Stony Hill, 92	115.00
30. Union Chapel, 46	57.50
31. White Oak Hill, 204	255.00
32. Hillsboro, 45	56.25
33. Fremont, 113	141.25
34. Pleasant Grove, 225	281.25
35. Pleasant Hill, 96	120.00
36. Stoney Creek, 126	157.50
37. Union Grove, 262	327.50
38. Calvary (Wilson Co.), 39	48.75
39. Little Rock, 279	348.75
40. Marsh Swamp, 329	411.25
41. Milburnie, 97	121.25
42. New Sandy Hill, 115	143.75
43. Oak Grove (Wilson Co.), 34	42.50
44. People's Chapel, 187	223.75
45. Rose Bud, 76	95.00
46. Saint Mary's (Wilson Co.), 260	325.00
47. Watson's Grove, 18	22.50
48. Mt. Zion (Wilson Co.), 125	156.25
49. Tippet's Chapel, 108	135.00
50. Black Jack Grove, 40	50.00
51. Wilson, 475	593.75
52. Fellowship (Durham Co.)	
53. Union Grove (Durham Co.), 130	162.50
54. Burlington	
55. Spring Hill	

56. Rock Springs, 76	95.00
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Total members, 8,891; Total Budget	<u>\$11,103.25</u>
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MISSION BOARD EXPENSE REPORT

Expenses:

To Mission Board Meeting	\$ 8.06
Postal Cards	.30
500 Envelopes	5.25
1 Ream Mimeograph Paper	1.90
150—2c Stamps	3.00
Long distance telephone calls concerning the postponement of the organizing the mission in Burlington	3.25
1 Ream Mimeograph Paper	2.25
1 Quire of Stencils	3.98
Total Expenses	<u>\$27.99</u>

Received:

Balance Brought Forward	\$ 22.98
Received from Ralph Barnes	50.00
Received from Elwood Lane Church	65.00
Received from Marsh Swamp Church	35.20

Total Received	\$173.18
Less Expenses	<u>27.99</u>

Balance	<u>\$145.17</u>
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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We recommend that the proposed budget be adopted for the coming of \$1.25 per member.
2. We recommend that this money be used in the Western Conference.
3. We recommend that each church work with the mission board in helping to set up records of mission points and names of members of their local boundry.

Norman Q. Adams, *Chairman-Treasurer*
H. M. Minchew
Herman Griffin
E. B. Williams

By motion, the Burlington, N. C., church, be accepted into membership of the conference. A hand of welcome was extended to the delegation present.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The executive committee, during the last conference year, met five different times to attend to any business pertinent to the conference.

1. One hundred dollars was allocated to the extension of the church at Greensboro.

2. A number of ministers were granted letters of dismissal to unite with other conferences or associations of their choosing, namely: Rev. W. A. Hansley, Homer E. Willis and Joseph Ange.

3. Burlington mission made request to be organized into a church. The moderator was to proceed with the organization.

4. The moderator was requested to investigate the pastorate of Calvary Church as to proper ordination. He was to report his findings.

5. A committee constituted of Brothers J. A. Evans, Wiley Ferrell and M. L. Johnson was appointed to investigate the work of the Greensboro Church.

6. Since this conference is the year for election of officers the moderator was requested to appoint a nominating committee for the purpose of nominating ensuing officers.

7. The moderator is asking all churches to comply with the recommendation on Page 18 of the 1956 minutes concerning missions. This recommendation is to be interpreted as using the money raised in this conference.

J. A. Evans, Moderator

R. N. Hinnant, Secretary

REPORT OF CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD

Resolution of the Western Conference of the (Original) Free Will Baptist Denomination of North Carolina

Whereas, at a regular meeting held on January 17, 1957, the Executive Committee of the Western Conference of the (Original) Free Will Baptist Denomination of North Carolina, duly assembled after the due notice given, upon the motion of J. A. Evans, chairman of said committee, seconded by M. L. Johnson, considered and adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, the Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson, North Carolina, has been engaged in the erection and construction of a new church located at the corner of Granger and Barnhill Streets, Wilson, North Carolina; and whereas, it is necessary to obtain a loan in the sum of \$20,000.00 to finance the cost of construction of said church; and whereas, the trustees of said Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson, North Carolina, have secured a commitment for such loan from the clerk of the Superior Court of Wilson County, North Carolina, which said loan must be secured by a deed of trust conveying the real property of said church; and whereas, the title to said property is held by said Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson, North Carolina, and the Western Conference of the Free Will Baptist Denomination of North Carolina; and whereas, the procedure for obtaining such loan and for the execu-

tion of such deed of trust by said Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson, North Carolina, has been complied with according to the constitution, rules and regulations of said church; and whereas, it is necessary that the Board of Trustees of said Western Conference of the Free Will Baptist Denomination of North Carolina be authorized by the Executive Committee of such denomination to obtain such loan and to execute said deed of trust.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the unanimous vote of the Executive Committee of the Western Conference of the (Original) Free Will Baptist Denomination of North Carolina that the Board of Trustees of said Western Conference of the (Original) Free Will Baptist Denomination of North Carolina be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute all legal documents, including notes and deeds of trust, to aid the Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson, North Carolina, to secure and obtain a loan in the sum of \$20,000.00 from the clerk of the Superior Court of Wilson County, and the said board of trustees is specifically authorized to secure said loan by creating a lien on the real property of said Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson, North Carolina, upon which is located the church and educational building; and the said Board of Trustees of said Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson, North Carolina, in the execution of a promissory note for \$20,000.00 with interest at the rate of six per centum (6%) per annum secured by a deed of trust conveying the aforesaid property to Charles C. Lamm, clerk of the Superior Court of Wilson County, said note to be payable on or before two years from the date hereof.

Be it further resolved that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

R. N. Hinnant, *Clerk*

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Resolutions—Johnny Eason, Zachary Capps, Robert Rollins

Temperance—Wilton Morris, L. S. Joyner, M. E. Thomas

Memorial—Eddie Corn, Donald Pegram, Bernard Duke

Nominating—R. N. Hinnant, R. W. Allman, M. L. Johnson, Norman Adams, W. E. Renfrow

REPORT OF CHILDREN'S HOME

Superintendent's Account	\$8,242.94
Concert Class	1,929.72
Clothing	1,795.00
Dining Room Tables and Chairs	55.58
Laundry	147.13
Total	<hr/> \$12,170.37

An offering was received for the Children's Home, amounting to \$91.30. Offertory prayer by Rev. W. A. Anderson.

DELEGATES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

	Paid Pastor	Total Funds Raised	Number Members	Baptized	Died	Sunday School	Auxiliary	Church Property	Conference	Delegates
1	\$ 455	\$ 1,882	21	12		27		\$ 282	\$10.00	Bobby Sandy, Dorothy Wright
2	3,770	9,383	211	7		147		60,000	10.00	Mrs. J. C. Brooks
3	614	12,346	28	3		34		15,000	3.00	M. E. Thomas, H. O. High
4	1,820	7,468	92	8	1	64	13	40,000	5.00	
5	5,200	36,460	888			38	38	113,000	5.00	
6	750	4,139	113	46		65		15,000	5.00	Edward Corn
7	472	1,720	100	6		47		6,000	10.00	
8	1,250	3,457	193	4	1	65	12	6,000	8.00	
9	3,380	9,084	235	8		140	21	70,000	10.00	Mrs. Ruth Smith, Mrs. Delores Gilbert
10	2,190	9,484	266	16	3	175	37	30,000	10.00	
11	200	885	11			12			5.00	Miss Irene Waters, Mrs. George H. Branning
12	1,002	3,968	294	19	2	160		10,000	15.00	Mr. and Mrs. Herman Phillips
13	2,041	3,680	125	1		125	24	5,000	5.00	By Letter
14	1,350	5,916	189			92	26	25,000	10.00	Simon Allen, Devey Edwards
15	600	6,000	220	7		120	25	35,000	10.00	J. V. Johnson, Charles Hales
16	1,320	4,655	202	20		215	37	36,000	10.00	Mrs. Georgia Rhodes, Mrs. Bettie Watson
17	2,050	4,016	150	2	2	150	26	50,000	30.00	Wilbert Fitzgerald, Ner Hatcher
18	1,560	5,832	340	24	4	220	35	57,000	10.00	Octavia Edwards, Wilbert Woodard
19	1,226	3,988	230	7	1	195	16	20,000	10.00	Mr. and Mrs. Luther Pope
20	1,200	4,600	250	2	2	174	29	15,000	15.00	N. C. Brown, Mrs. T. C. Wall
21	1,525	151	1			22		4,500	10.00	Luby Tyner
22	780	3,206	153	8	2	110	18	15,000	8.00	Sam Johnson and wife
23	760	1,407	159	2	3	76		5,500	5.00	C. J. Barnes and Wife
24	480	2,018	70			56	12	20,000	10.00	Joe Lamm and Wife
25	720	1,891	107			85	30		10.00	Mrs. Puckett, Hazel Edwards
26		193	59	10		85		5.00		
27	600	3,188	170		1	125	20	15,000	10.00	Tom Matthews and Wife
28	548	1,253	97	9		60	17	4,000	5.00	Mac Edwards, Henry Issette
29	720	1,090	90	7	5	60	20	7,500	5.00	Ejay Strickland
30	172	454	50			40		2,500	5.00	Moses Todd, Buddie Liles
31	1,145	2,961	225	18	1	140	43	25,000	10.00	Horace Medlin
32	500	60	8	1		40		6,000	5.00	Paul Williams, Toy Crabtree
33	960	2,000	110	6	1	7	25	15,000	5.00	T. R. Lee, J. P. Seley
34	410	1,450	38	1		68		5,000	5.00	
35	1,200	115	5	1		102	18		10.00	
36	618	4,512	232	7		150	41	25,000	10.00	W. A. Taylor and Wife
37	450	4,786	96			88	14	10,000	5.00	Clarence Bunn and Wife
38	480	1,229	61	2	1	65	10	5,000	5.00	By Letter
39	1,200	4,332	158	11		170	40	15,000	10.00	Bishop Pate, Mrs. D. C. Worrell
40	1,515	4,316	266	5		135	40	15,000	10.00	Billie Outland, Ennis Parrish
41	1,740	5,197	269	2		110	40	50,000	15.00	Gray Boswell, Braxton Jones
42	3,900	8,538	344	14		180	28	58,000	15.00	Lester Fulghum, Mrs. Gladys Deans
43	675	1,425	150	24		100	15	10,000	10.00	Henry Johnson and Wife
44	420	1,547	120	6		130	17	4,000	5.00	Ralph Griffin, Jennie Lee Sherrod
45	750	366	39					500	3.00	
46		1,499	186	3	1	100	25	7,000	10.00	Earl Winstead and Wife
47									5.00	
48	1,700	7,407	255	13	2	200	35	50,000	7.50	Ava Williamson, Mrs. Lewis Adams
49		113	15			10		1,000	5.00	By Letter
50	4,160	28,773	550	25	6	304	76	115,000	10.00	By Letter
51		1,807		200		4193	540		25.00	C. S. Hinnant and Wife
52		351							5.00	

LUNCH

Rev. J. B. Ferrell conducting the afternoon devotions, reading Psalm 1, followed with prayer by Rev. W. A. Anderson.

Miss Serena Futrell sang "In My Father's House are Many Mansions."

By motion, the churches of Greensboro, Fellowship, and Traveler's Rest be received into membership of the conference. A hand of welcome was extended to the delegates from these churches.

By motion, a committee be appointed to study the "staggering" of board members and committee members of the conference.

Committee named: Norman Adams, R. G. Woodard, Ralph Clegg.

Rev. M. L. Johnson was elected as assistant moderator for the remainder of this session of the conference.

REPORT FROM FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Fifteen years of history has been made in the program of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn. We now have 168 students enrolled, 44 of whom are from North Carolina. The answer to our prayers for growth carries accompanying responsibilities. We are now in a construction program of a student center, dining room, kitchen and enlargement of the auditorium.

This is to cost between \$65,000 and \$70,000. Our appeal is for each church with its pastor, to raise and send in at least \$100 between this date and January 1, 1958. We are looking to our people to make possible the perpetuation of our missionary programs by cooperating fully in the raising of the funds now needed.

J. R. Davidson

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

Contributions made by the Western Conference to superannuation from September 30, 1956 through August 31, 1957:

Contributions Made by Churches	\$1,051.07
Contributions Made by Auxiliaries	40.15
Contributions Made by Sunday Schools	126.33
Contributions Made by Individuals	3.00
Contributions Made by Union Meetings	95.50
Total Contributions	\$1,316.05

Wilbert Everton

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CHURCHES OF THE WESTERN CONFERENCE TO MOUNT OLIVE JUNIOR COLLEGE

September 1, 1956 Through August 15, 1957

(The college books are open for inspection at any time. The figures given below represent the total given from each church by the church itself, Sunday school, leagues, woman's auxiliary and individuals.)

CHURCH	AMOUNT
Barnes Hill	\$ 15.00
Black Jack Grove	5.00
Branch Chapel	81.32
Calvary	5.00
Edgemont	77.00
Elwood Lane	62.26
Flood's Chapel	26.39
Free Union	28.70
Friendship	127.01
Holly Springs	10.00
Kenly	85.85
King's Chapel	25.00
Little Rock	281.46
Marsh Swamp	1,224.76
Micro	354.25
Melbourne	8.90
Mt. Zion	160.42
New Sandy Hill	42.00
Oak Grove	27.58
Orphanage Memorial Chapel	40.00
People's Chapel	70.29
Pine Level	328.12
Piney Grove	87.00
Pleasant Grove	1,105.52
Pleasant Hill	185.42
Pleasant Plain	157.13
Rain's Cross Roads	568.50
Rock Springs	33.30
Rose Bud	38.86
Saint's Delight	10.00
Sherron Acres	58.45
Selma	59.04
St. Mary's	172.93
Spring Hill	5.00
Stancil's Chapel	41.06
Stoney Creek	702.65
Stony Hill	47.45
Tippett's Chapel	15.00

Union Chapel	3.71
Union Grove (Wayne County)	875.59
Union Grove (Durham County)	23.75
White Oak Hill	41.17
Wilson	116.00

A solo, "I'd Rather Have Jesus," was sung by Mrs. Ethel Brooks.

Rev. W. B. Raper was present and spoke on the needs of Mt. Olive Junior College.

Rev. N. B. Barrow gave an informative report of the promotional work of the State Convention.

Rev. J. O. Fort gave an oral report of the Free Will Baptist Press.

Adjournment and benediction by Rev. T. G. Hamilton.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

The evening message was delivered by Rev. W. E. Anderson. Scripture reading, 1 Corinthians 3:9; subject, "Labor."

THURSDAY MORNING

The conference convened at 9:30 a. m. with devotions by Rev. Paul Jenkins. Singing " 'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus" by the congregation and prayer by Rev. G. H. Griffin. A vocal duet, "Supper Time," was rendered by Miss Serena Futrell and Rev. R. N. Hinnant. Scripture reading, Joshua 1:9 by Brother Jenkins. Vocal solo, "Some Glorious Morning," by Mrs. Ethel Brooks.

Roll call of ministers. (See ministers present.)

Ministers requesting letters of commendation to other conferences or associations: R. W. Allman, Joe Ange, Joe Haas, Gene Outland, Albert Rollins, Homer Willis.

REPORT OF FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF GREENSBORO, N. C.

Period Covering February—July:

Average Attendance	12
Offerings	\$330.00

Expenses:

Rent	\$180.00
Utilities	5.00
S. S. Literature	8.00
Supplies and Equipment	75.00
Pastor	60.00

We are not considering a building at present.

Rev. Carl Johnson of Jacksonville, N. C., will conduct our revival August 18-25.

George H. Branning, Pastor
Hope Monroe, Acting Clerk
Mrs. George H. Branning, Treasurer

We are happy to report that one of our members has recently donated a 1 ton air conditioner to the church.

October 17, 1957

To the Western Conference 1957 session, Flood's Chapel:

The following expenses have been incurred in connection with the moderator and chairman of the executive committee:

3 trips to Greensboro, 750 miles.

5 trips to Burlington, 900 miles.

1 trip to Hillsboro, 140 miles.

1 meeting regarding Wilson Church loan.

Plus postage and telephone calls.

Received from conference treasurer, \$57.50.

Board members on executive committee expenses:

R. N. Hinnant, \$20.30; unpaid.

B. L. Shook, \$18.12; unpaid.

Wiley Ferrell, \$42.50; paid.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. Evans, Moderator

By motion, the report of the committee for "staggering" the boards and committees be reconsidered.

By motion, the report be tabled for one year.

By motion, a committee of three be appointed to write a constitution and bylaws for the conference and report to the executive committee for study and approval and thence to the conference for consideration in the 1958 session. Committee: Ronald Creech, Norman Adams, Ralph Clegg.

By motion, the finance committee report the amount of money received at this conference and the amount to be paid out.

Roll call of churches.

Ordination service for Julian C. Brooks:

"Hear Ye the Master's Call" was sung by the congregation. Prayer by Fred Rivenbark. Presentation of the Bible by Ralph Clegg and charge by Albert Coates. Prayer of ordination and presentation of certificate by R. W. Allman. The hand of fellowship was extended to all newly ordained and licensed ministers during the singing of "Ready" by the congregation.

An offering was received for the Mt. Olive Junior College amounting to \$27.56.

LUNCH

Afternoon devotions were led by Rev. Bernard Duke. The congregation sang, "Jesus Saves." A vocal solo was rendered by Mrs. Ethel Brooks, "I Want to Tell." Scripture reading, Luke 24:29, 36; followed with prayer.

PARTIAL REPORT OF MINISTERIAL CHARACTER BOARD

We, the Ministerial character board, recommend that the following ministers be reinstated: D. Bisette, Charles Bryan.

We, the ministerial character board, make the following recommendations:

We recommend that the following names be dropped from the roll: Douglas Johnson, Garland Teasley, Bobby Rogers, Earl Glenn, Bobby Aycock.

We further recommend that the clerk notify the clerk of the churches that these men pastor, and tell them these men have been turned out of the conference because of non-attendance.

We further recommend that the superannuated ministers be listed under separate headings in our list of ministers in the minutes and also that these that are in school be listed under separate headings.

Signed by the committee.

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, the temperance committee of the Western Conference, realize that temperance is a standard that all ministers and laymen should live by. We recommend that all pastors read our church covenant at least four times each year to their churches. We, the committee, urge all our people to vote against the evils of alcoholic beverages, if given the opportunity. The committee requests our people to abstain from patronizing all places, such as grocery stores, that sell alcoholic beverages.

Wilton Morris

A. E. Thomas

L. S. Joyner

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the memorial committee, make the following report:

As our heavenly Father has seen fit to call from labor to rewards, Mr. H. G. Watson, since our last convention, we most humbly bow in submission to the will of our Father in heaven.

We, therefore, ask this assembly to rise to its feet and join with us in singing "Blest Be the Tie," first and last verses, at the close of which silent prayer for one minute will be held and Rev. Bernard Duke will pray orally at the close of silent prayer.

Rev. Edward Corn, *Chairman*

Rev. Bernard Duke

Rev. Donald Pegram

REPORT OF LENGTH AND DURATION COMMITTEE

We, your committee appointed to study the question of length and duration of the annual conference, make the following recommendations:

1. That we continue with a two-day session as in the past.
2. That we recommend that our ordaining council consider the advisability of holding two semi-annual meetings for the purpose of examining candidates for licenses and ordination, and that all ordaining of ministers be scheduled for the annual session of the conference except in unusual cases.
3. That we reaffirm our adherence to the policy of dropping the names of those ministers who fail to attend, or communicate with the conference for a period of two years.

M. L. Johnson
R. W. Allman
Joe R. Haas

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, the resolutions committee of the Western Conference of 1957, make the following resolutions:

1. That the ministers and delegates of this conference give the host church and pastor a rising vote of thanks for their friendly hospitality and kindness which has made this conference enjoyable to everyone.
2. Resolved that the nominating committee be elected from the floor each year.
3. Resolved that in view of the sacredness of such services as worship and ordination that all officers, ministers and delegates be requested to remain in the house for observance of the same and that all committees both special and standing be requested not to function during these services.

Yours in Christ,
Robert Rollins
Johnny Eason

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Money received during 1957 session:

Received from Churches	\$424.50
Received from Union Meetings	30.00
Special Offerings:	
Children's Home	91.30
Mount Olive College	27.56

Total to Account For

\$573.36

Amount authorized to be paid:

Special Offerings—

Children's Home	\$ 91.30
Mt. Olive College	27.56

Secretarial Expenses and Service	73.50
Executive Committee Expenses	38.42
Board of Ordination	64.08
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Total Expenses	294.86
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Balance	\$278.50

M. L. Johnson

STATISTICAL REPORT OF CHURCHES COMBINED 1956-1957

Number Churches in the Conference	55
Number Churches Reporting	50
Number Full-Time Churches	18
Number ½ Time Churches	25
Number ¼ Time Churches	7
Number Ministers Pastoring in the Conference	37
Number Delegates Listed in Reports	62
Amount Sent to the Conference	\$ 454.50
Amount paid pastors for the Past Year	57,144.12
Amount Raised for Missions for the Year	4,799.26
Amount Raised for the Orphanage for the Year	8,576.99
Amount Raised for Other Purposes for the Year	139,385.44
Amount Raised for Education for the Year	5,205.59

Total Raised for the Year	\$214,445.41
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Number Baptized During the Year	345
Number Died During the Year	40
Total Number Members	8,556
Total Average Attendance in Sunday School	4,983
Total Number Members Woman's Auxiliaries	965
Total Value of all Church Property	\$1,135,282.00

M. L. Johnson

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1956-1957

Balance on Hand	\$161.98
Received:	
From Churches	\$424.50
From Union Meetings	30.00
Offering for Children's Home	70.41
Offering for Mt. Olive College	44.00
Offering for Greensboro Church	35.63
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Total Received	604.54
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Total to Account For	\$766.52

<i>Paid Out:</i>	
Children's Home	\$75.00
Mt. Olive College	75.00
Greensboro Church	35.63
Secretary's Expenses	60.00
Typist for Conference	5.00
Executive Committee, Mileage	20.32
Chairman Executive Committee	100.00
Church Extension Board	125.00
Mission Board	50.00
State Mission Board	25.00
Board of Ordination	50.00
Minutes	138.52

Total Paid out	759.47
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Balance in Treasury	\$ 7.05
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Ralph Barnes, Treasurer

Delegates to the various conferences and associations are to be appointed by the newly elected moderator, M. L. Johnson.

By motion, the delinquent ministers be required to forfeit their ordination credentials. (See ministerial character report.)

Joint session of the executive committee and ministerial character board.

A joint session of the two bodies was held at St. Mary's Church in Wilson County, October 25, 1957.

Prayer by Rev. M. L. Johnson.

Members present: M. L. Johnson, R. N. Hinnant, B. L. Shook, James A. Evans, W. E. Renfrow, G. Herman Griffin.

Ministers appearing before the board: Douglas Johnson, Earl Glenn, Garland Teasley, Conrad Williford.

After hearing the brethren, the moderator called an executive session. After much discussion, the committees requested four requirements for reinstatement.

1. Accept the decision of the conference.
2. Request for reinstatement.
3. Expression of intention of conforming to conference requirements in the future.
4. Subject to the approval of the conference.

On the evidence received from Brother Bobby Aycock, relative to a letter received by the moderator, but delayed in the mail, it was agreed to reinstate him, subject to the approval of the 1958 session of the conference.

By motion, the case of Brother Conrad Williford be referred to the ordaining council for disposition.

Brother Garland Teasley refused to sign for reinstatement.

M. L. Johnson, Moderator

R. N. Hinnant, Secretary

To the Executive Committee of the Western Conference and the Ministerial Character Board in joint session, this the 25th day of October, 1957:

We, the undersigned ministers, do acknowledge our error in non-attendance to the conference and we know they acted with authority in revoking our credentials. We accept the decision with appreciation for adherence to rules and government.

We would prayerfully request the two committees to reinstate us with our promise to conform to attendance in the future. It will be understood that this action shall be subject to the approval of the 1958 session of the Western Conference.

Thanking you and the conference for favors not actually obligated to confer.

Signed:

Earl H. Glenn

Douglas Johnson

By motion, we leave the balance of money in the treasury to be used as the executive committee thinks best.

By motion, we request each pastor to ask their church to send \$5.00 to the conference, for the current year's expenses.

By motion, we authorize the executive committee to investigate delinquent churches.

By motion, the 1958 session convene with Branch Chapel Church, Johnston County.

Motion to adjourn.

Closing hymn, "Blest be the Tie that Binds," and benediction by Rev. George Ludwig.

J. A. Evans, Moderator

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.

