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ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

- R. N. Hinnant, Box 736, Micro, N. C.
- J. A. Evans, Route 1, Box 295, Kenly, N. C. -
- J. B. Ferrell, Route 2, Elm City, N. C.
- L. H. Boykin, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.
- Milford Hales, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.
- Rommie Mitchell, Route 1, Kenly, N. C.
- Dewey C. Boling, Clayton, N. C.
- ~~T. Renfrow, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.~~ *dead*
- L. S. Joyner, 220 Lynn Road, Durham, N. C.
- Paul Jenkins, 2108 Brantley Road, Kannapolis, N. C.
- ✕ ~~Barney Griffin, Kannapolis, N. C.~~ *out*
- J. C. Varnell, 1211 Adams St., Wilson, N. C.
- Wiley Ferrell, Route 1, Selma, N. C.
- W. E. Renfrow, Route 2, Kenly, N. C.
- C. G. Ashley, 529 N. Hardee St., Durham, N. C.
- Milton Davis, Route 2, Princeton, N. C.
- M. L. Johnson, Box 190, Mt. Olive, N. C.
- Q. G. Worrell, 1006 Angier Ave., Durham, N. C.
- Jasper Edwards, Route 3, Selma, N. C.
- E. B. Williams, 3331 Guest Road, Durham, N. C.
- Ralph Clegg, 1800 Washington St., Durham, N. C.
- W. L. Poythress, 215 Dewey St., Wilson, 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 C. Yates, Box 366, Route 1, Kannapolis, N. C.
- G. Herman Griffin, Route 3, Elm City, N. C.
- ~~Norman Adams, Box 378, Kenly, N. C.~~ *out R43 Timmonsville, S.C.*
- W. O. Lassiter, Route 3, Four Oaks, N. C.
- Conrad Williford, 211 N. 13th St., Wilmington, N. C.
- James E. Raper, Box 325, Selma, N. C.
- Luby C. Tyner, Selma, N. C.
- R. L. Moore, Clayton, N. C.
- Wilton Morris, Route 2, Kenly, N. C.
- C. R. Etheridge, 601 W. Lee St., Wilson, N. C.
- B. L. Shook, Box 318, Kenly, N. C.
- ~~Daniel J. Merkh~~ *out*
- Albert Coates, Route 1, Smithfield, N. C.
- Raymond Sasser, 108 Hope Lodge St., Tarboro, N. C.
- Marvin Williams, 220 Marlowe St., Durham, N. C.
- Bernard Duke, Hope Valley Road, Box 75-A, Durham, N. C.
- Johnny Eason, Route 1, Middlesex, N. C.
- Johnny Walker, 22151 Omah St., Durham, N. C.
- ~~Herbert Waid~~ *out*
- Daniel Rivers, Route 1, Sims, N. C.

Earl Glenn, 1108 S. Tarboro St., Wilson, N. C.
~~Joseph H. Ingram, Box 162, Route 2, Mt. Olive, N. C.~~ *Transferred to E. Conf.*
Robert Rollins, Route 1, Enfield, N. C.
Douglas Johnson, 221 Central St., Clayton, N. C.
Lonnie Graves, Hambin Road, Box 269, Route 5, Durham, N. C.
Edmund Gonzales, 311 Spring Road, Durham, N. C.
Donald R. Pegram, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
~~Carl R. Osborne, 817 Lynn Road, Durham, N. C.~~ *Conf.*
Robert Woodard, 108 North Wood Circle, Durham, N. C.
Ronald Creech, Box 277, E. Durham Station, Durham, N. C.
~~George A. Ludwig, Route 1, Morrisville, N. C.~~ *to E. Conf.*
Eddie Corn, Route 6, Raleigh, N. C.
Paul Lee, Box 234, Bailey, N. C.
George H. Branning
Dee Bisette, 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. G. Pike, Selma, N. C.
G. C. Joyner, Route 3, Smithfield, N. C.

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Ronnie Peele, Route 2, LaGrange, N. C.
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.
Cedrid D. Pierce Jr., Pikeville, N. C.
Bill McCorkle, 12F Few Gardens, Durham, N. C.
J. V. Johnson, Route 2, Kenly, N. C.
Talmadge Nichols, Route 1, Kenly, N. C.
Clifton Wilder
Earl Gilliam
Vernon C. Lamm

CHURCHES, COUNTIES AND PASTORS FOR 1958-1959

ALAMANCE COUNTY

Traveler's Rest—

CABARRUS COUNTY

Elwood Lane—Paul Jenkins

DURHAM COUNTY

Bethesda—E. B. Williams

Calvary—

Edgemont—Ronald Creech

Fellowship—Lonnie Graves

King's Chapel—

Oak Grove—Q. C. Worrell

Shady Grove—George G. Lee

Sherron Acres—~~Carl Osborne~~

Union Grove—Bernard M. Duke

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Saint's Delight—Ralph E. Clegg

JOHNSTON COUNTY

Branch Chapel—W. E. Renfrow

Everett's Chapel—Billy Yawn

Friendship—~~Johnny Eason~~

Holly Springs—P. C. Wiggs

Kenly—~~Norman Adams~~

Micro—N. B. Barrow

Pine Level—R. H. Jackson

Piney Grove—Dewey Boling

Pleasant Plain—W. S. Burns

Rains' Cross Roads—Boyd Shook

Selma—James Earl Raper

Stancil's Chapel—W. O. Lassiter

NASH COUNTY

Barnes Hill—Paul Lee

Flood's Chapel—W. E. Renfrow

Memorial Chapel—J. O. Fort

Mt. Zion—Albert T. Coates

Rock Springs—Paul Lee

Stony Hill—J. B. Ferrell

Union Chapel—L. H. Boykin

White Oak Hill—C. Watkins

ORANGE COUNTY

Hillsboro—C. G. Ashley

WAKE COUNTY

Tippett's Chapel—A. F. Williamson

WAYNE COUNTY

Black Jack Grove—Douglas Johnson
Fremont Chapel—W. E. Renfrow
Pleasant Grove—R. N. Hinnant
Pleasant Hill—James Lupton
Spring Hill—J. Vernon Barbour
Stoney Creek—J. A. Evans
Union Grove—R. N. Hinnant

WILSON COUNTY

Calvary—Thurman Hall
Little Rock—N. B. Barrow
Marsh Swamp—Daniel Rivers
Milbourney—Dewey Boling
Mt. Zion—W. O. Lassiter
New Sandy Hill—C. E. Rose
Oak Grove—Dee Bissette
People's Chapel—J. B. Ferrell
Rose Bud—C. J. Harris
St. Mary's—Boyd Shook
Watson's Grove—T. Renfrow
Wilson—

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—Arnold Goodman, Box 277, E. Durham Station, Durham, N. C.
Fellowship—Barbara Wilkins, 3200 Guess Road, 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—Wade T. Ferrell, Route 4, Durham, N. C.
Sherron Acres—W. L. Bennett, Box 123, E. Durham, N. C.
Union Grove—Mr. C. E. Ferguson, 610 Old Oxford Highway, Durham, N. C.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

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

JOHNSTON COUNTY

Branch Chapel—Leamoan 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—Ralph G. House, Route 3, Selma, N. C.
Piney Grove—Luther Pope, Box 115, Kenly, N. C.
Pleasant Plain—Mrs. Howell Gordon, Route 1, Selma, N. C.
Rains' Cross Roads—Robert Braswell, Route 2, Princeton, N. C.
Selma—Mrs. R. L. Stancil, Selma, N. C.
Stancil's Chapel—R. L. Peele, Route 1, Middlesex, N. C.
First Union Meeting—C. S. Hinnant, Route 2, Pikeville, N. C.

NASH COUNTY

Barnes Hill—Ervin T. Vick, Route 1, Box 271, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Flood's Chapel—W. E. Bissette, Route 1, Spring Hope, N. C.
Free Union—H. C. Morgan, Route 2, Spring Hope, N. C.
Memorial Chapel—Mrs. Horace Mixon, Free Will Baptist 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 1, 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 3, Box 188, Goldsboro, N. C.
Fremont—Walter V. Bass, Box 224, Fremont, N. C.
Pleasant Grove—Mrs. Hardy Talton, Route 2, Pikeville, N. C.
Pleasant Hill—Mrs. Marjorie Snipes, Route 2, Princeton, N. C.
Spring Hill—Mrs. B. H. Woodard, Route 5, Box 476, Goldsboro, N. C.
Stoney Creek—Quentin Hare, Route 5, Goldsboro, N. C.
Union Grove—D. Bagley Morris, Route 2, Fremont, N. C.

WILSON COUNTY

Little Rock—Ralph Barnes, Lucama, N. C.
Calvary—Mrs. Rena Wood, 1001 Toisnot Ave., Wilson, N. C.
Marsh Swamp—Mrs. Blanche B. Loftin, Route 1, Sims, N. C.
Milbourny—Mrs. Icie Lamm, 812 South Tarboro St., Wilson, 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, Elm City, N. C.
Rose Bud—Donald Wiggs, Route 4, Wilson, N. C.

St. Mary's—Eugene Williamson, 1509 S. Goldsboro St., Wilson, 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.

PROCEEDINGS

The seventy-second annual session of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with Branch Chapel Church, Johnston County, October 15, 16, 1958.

Rev. Boyd Shook led the congregation in singing "Higher Ground." For the Scripture lesson he read Psalm 133:1-3, followed by another congregational hymn, "The Church's One Foundation."

The introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. Earl Glenn, reading Matthew 16:18, followed with prayer. His subject was "The Foundation of the Church." He stressed the security of the church because it is built on Christ. Prayer and song, "Throw Out the Life-Line."

The secretary declared the seventy-second session of the conference now open for business with the moderator presiding.

Words of greeting were extended to the conference by the pastor, Rev. W. E. Renfrow. Response to the greetings by Rev. Wiley Ferrell.

In the moderator's message, he reminded the conference that we were here on a sacred mission. He then gave a review of our conference history.

ROLL CALL OF MINISTERS

Ministers present first day: R. N. Hinnant, J. A. Evans, J. B. Ferrell, L. H. Boykin, Rommie Mitchell, Dewey C. Boling, Paul Jenkins, Wiley Ferrell, W. E. Renfrow, M. L. Johnson, Q. G. Worrell, E. B. Williams, Ralph Clegg, W. L. Poythress, G. C. Joyner, Hilery Minchew, Joseph C. Yates, G. Herman Griffin, Norman Adams, Wilton Morris, B. L. Shook, Albert Coates, Marvin Williams, Bernard Duke, Johnny Eason, Johnny Walker, Earl Glenn, Douglas Johnson, Lonnie Graves, Carl R. Osborne, Ronald Creech, Eddie Corn, Paul Lee, Dee Bissette, G. C. Joyner, Fred Hall, R. L. Moore, Luby Tyner.

Ministers present second day: R. N. Hinnant, L. H. Boykin, Rommie Mitchell, Dewey C. Boling, Paul Jenkins, Wiley Renfrow, C. G. Ashley, Milton Davis, M. L. Johnson, Jasper Edwards, Ralph Clegg, Hilery Minchew, Felton Johnson, Joseph C. Yates, G. Herman Griffin, Norman Adams, W. O. Lassiter, Wilton Morris, B. L. Shook, Albert Coates, Bernard Duke, Johnny Eason, Earl Glenn, Joseph H. Ingram, Robert Rollins, Lonnie Graves, Carl R. Osborne, Ronald Creech, Paul Lee, Conrad Williford, R. L. Moore, Luby Tyner.

The following ministers wrote letters expressing their regrets in not being able to attend the conference: Bobby Jackson, William G. McCorkle, Billy Ray Creech, Donald R. Pegram, Emmitt J. Morris, Daniel Rivers.

VISITING MINISTERS

Cape Fear Conference—J. Vernon Barbour, T. E. Beaman, Thurman Hall, W. H. Lancaster, R. W. Allman

Central Conference—J. O. Fort, J. W. Everton, L. E. Ballard, C. H. Overman, W. B. Raper, N. B. Barrow, Jack Parramore

Albemarle Conference—A. F. Williamson, P. C. Wiggs

Eastern Conference—James Lupton, S. A. Smith, J. W. Alford, D. W. Hansley

Blue Ridge Association—Johnny Floyd Sr.

Piedmont Association—Walter Carter, R. H. Jackson

Tennessee—George Lee

South Carolina—James Raper

Cuba—T. H. Willey

Minutes of the Executive Committee as of October 25, 1958 were adopted.

The moderator explained that the Wilson Church was refinanced by permission, in writing, by the Executive Committee.

The Mission Board of our conference reports that the people of the Greensboro Free Will Baptist Church have decided that they are not in a position to continue as an organized church. They have voted to disband as a church and to operate as a mission until further developments. (This was approved by the Executive Committee.)

In the absence of C. S. Hinnant and Serena Futrell, Ralph Barnes and Leslie Hawley were appointed to serve on the Finance Committee for this session.

ROLL CALL OF CHURCHES

(See statistical table.)

Rev. W. B. Raper, President of Mt. Olive College, brought greetings from the college and spoke briefly on its achievements.

Rev. S. A. Smith, superintendent of the Children's Home, brought greetings from the home and an offering was received, amounting to \$11.27. Offertory prayer by Rev. James Raper.

Closing prayer and thanks for the noonday meal by Rev. T. H. Willey.

LUNCH

AFTERNOON SESSION

At the afternoon session, Rev. Ralph Clegg led the congregation in singing, "Have Thine Own Way." Rev. L. H. Boykin read Romans 12:1, 2 as a basis for his remarks, then prayer by Rev. Dewey Boling.

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

It was moved and carried that each person appearing on the conference program be notified at least two weeks prior to the convening of the conference.

A verbal report of the Free Will Baptist Press was given by Rev. J. O. Fort.

A song by the congregation, "Standing on the Promises."

Rev. R. H. Jackson brought greetings from the Mission Board and Rev. T. H. Willey supplemented his remarks by speaking of the work in Cuba.

REPORT OF STATE SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Report to the Western Conference for the year September 1, 1957 to August 31, 1958

Contribution by the Churches	\$1,096.24
Contribution by Auxiliaries	71.10
Contribution by Sunday Schools	150.03
Contribution by Leagues	20.83
Contribution by Union Meetings	76.00
Total Contributions	\$1,414.20

Wilbert Everton,
Chairman-Treasurer of North Carolina
Superannuation

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Memorial—J. B. Ferrell, G. Herman Griffin, Lonnie Graves
Resolutions—Albert T. Coates, Paul Jenkins, J. A. Evans
Temperance—W. L. Poythress, Bernard Duke, Douglas Johnson
Nomination—E. B. Williams, L. H. Boykin, Norman Adams

REPORT OF CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, Inc., 1958

We submit this report of the Church Finance Association, Inc., as of September 1, 1958.

Number Members of the Association	321
Number Members Holding at Least One \$25 Certificate	197
Number of \$25 Certificates Now Held	514
Membership Fees Collected This Year	\$831.76
Total Membership Fees Now Held	\$15,286.18
Number Loans Made This Year	6
Total Amount Loaned This Year	\$25,500.00
Total Number Loans Made Since 1940	65
Total Amount of Loans Made Since 1940	\$239,482.45
Number of Loans Now on Our Books	24
Total Receipts During the Past Year	\$46,083.85
Total Disbursements During the Past Year	34,212.74
Balance on Hand September 1, 1958	\$11,871.11

The following figures are taken from the annual report made as of January 1, 1958.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF CHURCH

DELEGATES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Churches	County	Yearly Meeting	Regular Meetings	Raised for Missions	Raised for Children's Home	Raised for Education	Other Purposes	Paid Pastor	Total Funds Raised	Number Members	Baptized	Died	Sunday School	Auxiliary	Church Property	Conference	Delegates
Traveler's Rest	Alamance	August	Full Time														No Report
Elwood Lane	Alamance	August	Full Time	\$ 434	\$195	\$ 125	\$ 5	\$ 3,975	\$10,505	223	12	1	155	22	\$ 62,500	\$10.00	Guy Dukes
Bethesda	Durham	September	Full Time	393	30	50		308	1,583	42	6		35		18,000	5.00	H. O. High, A. D. Bradley
Calvary	Durham	September	Full Time														No Report
Edgemont	Durham	October	Full Time	8,272	512	1,188	198	5,200	34,728	803	30	4	428	24	113,000	5.00	Mrs. J. G. Teasley, L. V. Williford
Fellowship	Durham	September	Full Time	402	180	0		1,230	1,810	118	35	1	94	0	25,000	5.00	
King's Chapel	Durham	August	Full Time														No Report
Oak Grove	Durham	September	Full Time	44	116			2,400	2,561	72			65		6,000	5.00	Mrs. Effie Harris, Mrs. Leatha Oakley
Shady Grove	Durham		Full Time	2,565	327	50		3,380	7,161	255	17	1	100	25	70,000	10.00	
Sherron Acres	Durham	October	Full Time	64	315	39		4,940	23,606	339	10	5	161	19	100,000	5.00	
Union Grove	Durham	September	Full Time		47			423	2,229	80	4	4	48		10,000	10.00	Mrs. Allen, Miss Lacy Black
Saint's Delight	Franklin	August	Full Time	360	140	190		5,150	8,365	280	16	1	170	35	30,000	10.00	Julius Layton and Wife
Branch Chapel	Johnston	August	Fourth	20	155	109		994	2,159	307	10	1	150		10,000	15.00	Paul Dunn, Elijah Phillips
Everett's Chapel	Johnston		Full Time	201	174	43		2,120	2,863	75	7	3	115	20	5,000	5.00	C. R. Bolling
Friendship	Johnston	August	Full Time	45	473	79		2,620	5,790	200	14	2	96	26	25,000	10.00	Simon Allen, Paul Hocutt
Holly Springs	Johnston	October	First, Third	50	83	45		1,190	2,301	228	0	4	132	20	30,000	12.50	Edgar Johnson, Ishan Phillips
Kenly	Johnston	August	Full Time	249	297	229		2,700	6,198	238	18	3	37	37	40,000	10.00	Millard Snipes
Micro	Johnston	August	Second, Fourth	150	300	60		1,980	3,641	150	2	3	145	24	50,000	30.00	Mrs. Ethel Price, Mrs. S. C. Batten
Pine Level	Johnston	October	Full Time	241	231	21		1,730	7,798	349	3	4	210	30	56,000	15.00	Harvey Wellons and Wife
Piney Grove	Johnston	October	Second, Fourth	47	274	38		1,309	3,353	257	23	2	210	20	20,000	10.00	Lee Hooks and Wife
Pleasant Plain	Johnston	August	Second, Fourth	131	495	172		1,680	3,912	232	16	2	130	29	15,000	10.00	W. O. Fields and Wife
Rains' Cross Roads	Johnston			111	558	175		2,180	4,913	280	6		175	20	25,000	15.00	J. W. Boyette and Wife
Selma	Johnston	September	Full Time	130	28	111		2,180	6,404	157	6	1	92	22	50,000	5.00	Mrs. W. C. Sasser
Stannell's Chapel	Johnston	August	First, Third	48	141	63		1,780	2,011	150	1	1	120	18	15,000	10.00	Sam Johnson and Wife
Barnes Hill	Nash	February	Second, Fourth	13	153	13		579	1,098	157	3		64		5,000	5.00	C. J. Barnes, J. E. Joyner
Flood's Chapel	Nash	October	Second	5	95	71		480	1,474	65	2	0	56	12	20,000	10.00	By Letter
Free Union	Nash																No Report
Memorial Chapel	Nash		First, Third	10		57			332	58			90				
Mt. Zion	Nash	September	Second	53	247	83		1,600	2,358	169			110	25	15,000	10.00	W. E. Matthews and Wife
Rock Springs	Nash	June	First, Third		49			760	1,535	105	8	1	65	14	5,000	5.00	Mrs. LaRue Manning, Mrs. Myrtle Brown
Stony Hill	Nash	July	First, Third		31			720	1,367	89	2	2	60	20	7,500	5.00	
Union Chapel	Nash	August	First, Third	20	32	11		280	483	51	4		42		2,500	5.00	Moses Todd, Jennie Todd
White Oak Hill	Nash	September	Full Time	97	341	234		1,815	3,862	243	23	1	170	44	25,000	10.00	Oscar Hinton and Wife
Hillsboro	Orange	September	Full Time	0	10	0		136	187	26	0	2	18	0	10,000	5.00	Toy Crabtree
Tippett's Chapel	Wake		First, Third	17	137	12		1,080	2,541	118	6	1	73	20	10,000	5.00	C. S. Edwards and Wife
Black Jack Grove	Wayne	October	First, Third	5	90			627	2,694	45	1	1	85		5,500	5.00	
Fremont Chapel	Wayne	September	First, Third	18	67	20		1,200	2,535	115	8	0	105	18	8,000	10.00	Zachery Capps
Pleasant Grove	Wayne	August	First, Third	112	635	955		3,600	5,935	239	5	3	160	42	25,000	15.00	R. J. Fields and Wife
Pleasant Hill	Wayne	August	First, Third	10	40	200		7,730	8,518	86	0	0	92	15	30,200	5.00	Murry Bass, Floyd Baker
Spring Hill	Wayne	August	First, Third	38	79	19		590	1,437	59	9	1	65	15	6,000	5.00	Elbert Radford, J. A. Allen Jr.
Stoney Creek	Wayne	October	Full Time	20	152	74		2,300	2,178	166	6	1	185	50	18,000	10.00	Mrs. Oliver Smith, Mrs. Oscar Lancaster
Union Grove	Wayne	September	Second, Fourth	175	190	456		3,440	5,390	261	6		130	40	20,000	15.00	Cecil Holland and Wife
Calvary	Wilson	October	First, Third		48			702	1,339	70	18	0	78	18	20,000	5.00	Mrs. Thurman Hall, Mrs. Annie Bartholomus
Little Rock	Wilson	September	First, Third	95	171	235		2,740	25,471	277	14	2	150	34	70,329	15.00	Mrs. W. H. Blalock, Mrs. Braxton
Marsh Swamp	Wilson	September	Full Time	174	711	225		3,445	7,669	324	1	4	190	25	58,000	15.00	Etta Haynes, Lester Fulghum
Milbourney	Wilson	August	First, Third	40	200	75		2,500	5,815	150	19	1	125	26	12,000	10.00	Mrs. Icie Lamm, Luby Bottom
Mt. Zion	Wilson	August	Second, Fourth	25	100			720	1,725	180	10	1	95	15	9,000	10.00	F. H. Boykin and Wife
New Sandy Hill	Wilson	April	First, Third	16	209	18		150	1,475	117	1	4	165	17	5,000	5.00	Jennie Lee Sherrod, Janie Williams
Oak Grove	Wilson	June	Second, Fourth		9			470	225	36	1				500	3.00	Dee Bissette
People's Chapel	Wilson	September	Second, Fourth		115	83		730	1,190	179	1	6	90	25	7,000	10.00	Norman Vaughan
Rose Bud	Wilson	September	First, Third	10	96	384		900		96	15	0	39	9		5.00	J. H. Bridgers and Wife
St. Mary's	Wilson	September	Second, Fourth	153	194	33		1,687	9,117	273	7	0	200	34	50,000	7.50	Odell Howell, Bruce Ford
Watson's Grove	Wilson		First		37				100	12	0	0	10	0	800	5.00	By Letter
Wilson	Wilson																No Report
First Union Meeting				45	200	500			1,184	4,726	416		85	621	250,000	10.00	C. S. Hinnant

Total Assets on January 1, 1958	\$81,843.01
Total Liabilities on January 1, 1958	75,473.40

Earned Profit, (Surplus) January 1, 1958	\$ 6,369.61
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During the years of our operations, we have made the following loans:

(4) Loans to Denominational Institutions	\$ 16,200.00
(13) Loans to New Churches for New Buildings	36,830.00
(15) Loans to Established Churches for New Buildings	69,800.00
(12) Loans to Repair and Enlarge Church Buildings	31,100.00
(3) Loans for Equipment	5,400.00
(2) Loans to Pay Off Debts and to Repair, etc.	13,402.45
(10) Loans for Educational Buildings	40,700.00
(6) Loans to Buy or Build Parsonages	26,050.00

(65) Loans for a Total of	\$239,482.45
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The Western Conference has \$250 in the association and holds ten (10) \$25 certificates.

Our next annual meeting is scheduled to meet with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Raleigh on Tuesday, January 13, 1959, at 10:30 a. m.

CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, Inc.

R. N. Hinnant, *President*

M. L. Johnson, *Secretary-Treasurer*

REPORT OF CHILDREN'S HOME WESTERN CONFERENCE

Superintendent's Account	\$10,060.80
Concert Class	1,287.62
Clothing	2,518.50
Dining Room Tables and Chairs	139.00

Total	\$14,005.92
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S. A. Smith, *Superintendent*

Adjournment and benediction by Rev. Albert T. Coates.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Singing by the congregation, "Amazing Grace." The evening message was delivered by Rev. Bernard Duke. Scripture reading 1 Samuel 24.

THURSDAY MORNING

Devotions were conducted by Rev. Milton Davis, Songs, "Love Lifted Me" and "Blessed Assurance," were sung by the congregation, led by Rev. Dewey Boling. Scripture reading 1 John 3, and prayer by Bro. Davis.

The minutes of Wednesday's session were read for information.

Roll call of ministers. (See ministers present.)

Roll call of churches.

Rev. Wilton Morris reported that the lack of funds prevented any activity on the part of the Board of Radio and Television.

Song, "Rescue the Perishing."

REPORT OF BOARD OF MISSIONS

Financial report of the Mission Board of the Western Conference.

Annual Report, October 16, 1958

Disbursements:

Mileage	\$ 42.55
Supplies	38.50
Burlington Church (Earmarked from Elwood Lane Church)	21.48
Whaley's in Alaska (Earmarked from the Junior Class of Marsh Swamp Church)	5.00
Total	\$107.53

Received:

Balance Brought Forward From Last Year	\$118.18
Received from Following Churches:	
Bethesda	\$21.84
Elwood Lane	21.48
White Oak Hill	10.71
Micro	50.00
Free Union	10.00
Marsh Swamp	25.00
Junior Class (S. S.) of Marsh Swamp Church	5.00
Pleasant Grove	10.00
Fellowship	54.00
Oak Grove	44.52
Pine Level	12.10
Stoney Creek	10.00
Church Not Accounted For	6.80
Kenly	50.00
Total Received	\$331.45
Total to Account For	\$449.63
Less Disbursements	107.53
Balance in Treasury	\$342.10

Norman Adams, *Chairman-Treasurer*

As a board we regret to inform this conference that the church in Burlington, N. C., has ceased to function as an Original Free Will Baptist church. It has been reduced to a mission point.

REPORT OF BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TO THE WESTERN CONFERENCE, October 16, 1958

We wish to make the following recommendations to the conference:

1. That our local churches strengthen their program of Christian education and training through the Sunday school, leagues and vacation Bible schools and we further recommend to our churches that they use the literature prepared and printed by the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina.

2. That our churches encourage their high school graduates to continue their education in a Free Will Baptist educational institution.

3. That the churches of this conference give their full support to the building of an educational program within the denomination that is adequate to meet the higher educational needs of all of our youth.

4. That this conference go on record as endorsing the Loyalty Funds Campaign of Mount Olive Junior College and recommend to its churches that they observe Sunday, November 2, at Mount Olive Junior College day as requested by the college.

Paul Jenkins

Eddie Corn

Joe Ingram

REPORT OF MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Report of Gifts to Mount Olive Junior College

Credited to Churches of the Western Conference

August 15, 1957 - August 25, 1958

Name of Church	Amount by		Sunday			
	Individual	Church	School	Auxiliary	Misc.	Total
Barnes Hill	\$	\$	\$ 17.00	\$	\$	\$ 17.00
Branch Chapel		72.56	63.97			136.53
Elwood Lane		63.50				63.50
Everett's Chapel				5.00		5.00
Flood's Chapel	5.00	40.02	12.27			57.29
Free Union	100.00	50.00		10.00	15.00	175.00
Friendship	40.00		53.03	14.00		107.03
Holly Springs	25.00	10.00	7.00	9.00		51.00
Kenly	49.00	130.00		24.00	12.71	215.71
King's Chapel		20.00				20.00
Little Rock	212.00		115.87	125.00		352.87
Marsh Swamp	921.50	90.27	96.75	24.00		1,132.52
Micro	267.00	20.00	99.33			386.33
Melbourne		11.34				11.34
Mt. Zion	60.00		149.38			209.38
New Sandy Hill	4.00		14.21			18.21

Orphanage Memorial	40.00	85.00				125.00
People's Chapel		21.53	35.03			56.56
Pine Level	292.00	14.53	122.44	76.00		504.97
Piney Grove	55.00	34.50	20.29			109.79
Pleasant Grove	539.00	65.00	440.00	381.70	10.00	1,435.70
Pleasant Hill	158.65	21.96				180.61
Pleasant Plain		46.08	66.27	10.00	22.40	144.75
Rains' Cross Roads	440.00	187.60		160.00		787.60
Rock Springs			25.05			25.05
Rose Bud	370.00		5.00			375.00
Sherron Acres	25.00			3.00		28.00
Selma	10.00	90.61				100.61
St. Mary's	48.00	65.82	53.17	9.00	32.71	208.70
Spring Hill		7.05	12.04			19.09
Stancil's Chapel	126.00	10.00	26.85			162.85
Stoney Creek	362.00	69.12	127.09	35.00		593.21
Stony Hill		88.37				88.37
Union Chapel		3.71	11.10			14.81
Union Grove	441.00	50.00	253.06	63.00		807.06
White Oak Hill		79.35	4.00	7.00		90.35
Wilson	200.00	34.54	70.30	26.00		330.84

NOTE: The above is a report of gifts credited as listed. Since the information received with some gifts is not complete, it is possible that some gifts have not been properly credited.

RECOMMENDATION

WHEREAS, Mount Olive Junior College is currently conducting a Loyalty Fund Campaign to raise \$50,000 in gifts this fall; and

WHEREAS, Sunday, November 2, has been designated as Mount Olive Junior College Loyalty Fund Day; and

WHEREAS, We feel that the purpose and objective of Mount Olive Junior College deserves the wholehearted support of all of our people, therefore; be it

RESOLVED: (1) That we endorse the Loyalty Fund Campaign now being conducted.

(2) That we recommend that all of our churches and Sunday schools observe Sunday, November 2, as Mount Olive Junior College Loyalty Fund Day.

M. L. Johnson
R. N. Hinnant

An offering was received for the college, amount not given. Offertory prayer by Rev. W. H. Lancaster.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ORDINATION OF THE WESTERN CONFERENCE

October 15, 1958

1. We recommend that the following be received into our fellowship and enrolled as licentiates: J. V. Johnson, Route 2, Kenly, N. C.; Talmadge Nickols, Route 1, Kenly, N. C.; Clifton Wilder, Earl Gilliam, Vernon C. Lamm.

2. We recommend that the following ministers be included on the roll of ordained ministers: Rev. Conrad Williford, Wilmington, N. C., coming from the Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists; Rev. James E. Raper, Box 325, Selma, N. C., pending a letter from the Beaver Creek Association of South Carolina; Rev. G. C. Lee, Route 4, Durham, N. C., pending letter from the Bluff City Association of Tennessee.

3. We recommend that Brother Luby C. Tyner, Selma, N. C., and Brother R. L. Moore be ordained at this session of the conference, and that they be enrolled as ordained ministers with full privileges, and that they be received into our fellowship.

4. We recommend a letter of transfer be granted to Rev. G. Keith Boyd to the Second District of the South Carolina Conference; Rev. George Ludwig to the Eastern Conference; Rev. Joseph Ingram to the Eastern Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert T. Coates

Ralph E. Clegg

Ordination service for Brothers Luby C. Tyner and R. L. Moore:

"Higher Ground" was sung by the congregation and prayer by Rev. Ronald Creech. Presentation of Bibles by Rev. Albert Coates; the charge by Rev. Ralph Clegg. Certificates were presented and a prayer of dedication by Rev. Dewey Boling. The hand of fellowship was extended to all ministers uniting with the conference since the last session, during the singing of "Blessed Assurance."

REPORT OF MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

We, the memorial committee, make the following report: Since the last convention the Lord has seen fit to call two of our co-laborers and brothers in Christ to their home of eternal bliss, Bro. A. P. Lee and Bro. W. E. Anderson. We therefore ask the assembly to rise to its feet and join with us in singing "Bless Be the Tie," first and last verses, at the close of which silent prayer for one minute will be held and Rev. G. Herman Griffin will pray orally at the close of the silent prayer.

Rev. Lonnie Graves

Rev. J. B. Ferrell

Rev. G. Herman Griffin

Benediction and thanks for the noonday meal by Rev. W. A. Burns.

LUNCH

AFTERNOON SESSION

Rev. Johnny Eason led the congregation in singing "At Calvary." He read for his Scripture lesson, Luke 19:10, followed with prayer.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. Resolved that a committee of three be elected or appointed to revise our conference report blank.

2. Resolved that the words of *North Carolina* be placed on the front of printed minutes below the words *Free Will Baptists*.

Committee appointed for the above work: R. N. Hinnant and M. L. Johnson.

WHEREAS, the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina, has furnished Free Will Baptist literature for our denomination for more than half a century; and

WHEREAS, the Free Will Baptist Press is a non-profit institution which invests its earnings in improved service to the denomination; and

WHEREAS, the Free Will Baptist people of North Carolina have individually and through this conference, conventions, union meetings, and local churches sacrificially given to make the Free Will Baptist Press an adequate publishing house for the denomination; therefore be it

RESOLVED: (1) That the North Carolina Western Conference of Free Will Baptists express its disapproval of the action taken by the 1958 session of the National Association in authorizing a competitive program of literature through the National Sunday School Board; and

(2) That this conference go on record today as commending the Free Will Baptist Press for its literature program and other service to the denomination; and

(3) That this conference requests that the National Association extend the courtesy to the Free Will Baptist Press of allocating to it adequate display place at future sessions of the association; and

(4) That this conference recommend to the churches of this district that they use the literature and services of the Free Will Baptist Press; and

(5) That a copy of this resolution be printed in *The Free Will Baptist* and that a copy be filed with the executive secretary of the National Association.

R. N. Hinnant

M. L. Johnson

WHEREAS, the 1958 session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists officially went on record as declaring the use of tobacco to be sinful and classified the use of tobacco with the drinking of alcoholic beverages; and

WHEREAS, some agencies of the National Association consider the use of tobacco sinful; and

WHEREAS, there is morally no distinction between the growth, use, manufacture, and sale of tobacco; and

WHEREAS, a major portion of the income of Free Will Baptists in North Carolina is derived from the growth, sale and manufacture of tobacco; therefore be it

RESOLVED: (1) That this conference express its opinion that the growth, sale, manufacture, or use of tobacco is a matter of individual conscience; and

(2) That this conference express its opinion that the growth, sale, manufacture, or use of tobacco should not be allowed to become a test of fellowship by individuals or organizations within the denomination; and

(3) That we respectfully remind those agencies of the National Association, that consider the use of tobacco to be sinful, that much of the money received by them from eastern North Carolina is money received from the growth and sale of tobacco.

M. L. Johnson
R. N. Hinnant

We, the ministerial character committee, make the following report:

Upon questioning Rev. C. J. Ashley in the presence of an oral witness concerning doctrine, we are in doubt as to his exact position upon some of the fundamental doctrines of the Bible as believed by the Free Will Baptists. We therefore recommend that the board of ordination re-examine said minister.

W. E. Renfrow, *Chairman*

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1957-1958

Balance		\$ 7.05
Received:		
From Churches	\$434.50	
From Union Meetings	30.00	
Offering for Children's Home	91.30	
Offering for Mt. Olive College	27.56	
Total Received		583.36
Total to Account For		\$590.41
Paid Out:		
Children's Home	\$ 91.30	
Mt. Olive College	27.56	
Secretary's Expense	63.50	

Typist	10.00
Executive Committee	38.42
Board of Ordination	61.26
Minutes	175.59
Total Paid Out	467.63
Balance	\$122.78

Ralph Barnes, *Treasurer*

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Money Received from Churches	\$433.00
Received from Union Meetings	10.00
Special Offerings:	
Mt. Olive College	31.50
Children's Home	111.27
Total to Account For	\$585.77

STATISTICAL REPORT OF CHURCHES 1957-1958

Number Churches in the Conference	55
Number Churches Reporting	50
Number Full-Time Church	17
Number Half-Time Churches	28
Number Quarter-Time Churches	4
Number Ministers Pastoring in Conference	42
Number Delegates Listed in Report	77
Amount Sent to the Conference	\$ 433.00
Amount Paid Pastors for the Past Year	69,040.81
Amount Raised for Missions for the Year	14,062.09
Amount Raised for the Children's Home for the Year	9,232.99
Amount Raised for Other Purposes for the Year	32,849.07
Amount Raised for Education for the Year	4,638.01
Total Raised for the Year	\$241,958.95
Number Baptized During the Year	388
Number Died During the Year	77
Total Number Members	8,506
Total Average Attendance in Sunday School	5,364
Total Number Members Woman's Auxiliary	872
Total Value of All Church Property	\$1,195,329.73

Rev. H. M. Minchew, *Chairman*

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE (See officers.)

By motion, the 1959 session of the Western Conference will convene with the Free Will Baptist Church of Selma, N. C.

By motion, we extend to Branch Chapel Church and pastor a rising vote of thanks for their kind and gracious hospitality extended to all present.

Motion to adjourn.

Closing song by the congregation, "Stand Up for Jesus."

Benediction by Rev. Rommie Mitchell.

M. L. Johnson, *Moderator*

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 woman'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.

