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OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1959-1960

Moderator	M. L. Johnson
Assistant Moderator	
Clerk	D NI IIImmani
Treasurer	Ralph Barnes

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

M. L. Johnson, Chairman R. N. Hinnant Ralph Barnes Earl Glenn R. H. Jackson

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

R. N. Hinnant, Chairman	1964
James E. Raper	1963
Bernard Duke	1962
Paul Jenkins	1961
Paul Lee	1960

BOARD OF ORDINATION

B. L. Shook, Chairman	1964
Albert T. Coates	1963
Leonard Woodall	1962
Daniel L. Rivers	1961
Wiley Ferrell	1960

Board of Ministerial Character

W. E. Renfrow, Chairman	1964
Ronald Creech .	1963
L. H. Boykin	1962
Earl Glenn	1961
James E. Raper	1960

BOARD OF MISSIONS

R. H. Jackson, Chairman	1964
Billy Morris	1963
Hilery Minchew	1962
W. L. Poythress	1961
Lonnie Graves	1960

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Cedric D. Pierce, Chairman	1964
C. S. Hinnant	1963
Luther Bissette	1962
J. V. Johnson	1961
George H. Branning	1960

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

R. N. Hinnant, Box 736, Micro, N. C.

I. A. Evans, 312 Laurel, Bryan, Texas

J. B. Ferrell, Route 2, Elm City, N. C.

L. H. Boykin, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.

Milford Hales, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.

Consequent University 1981 Block St. Rommie Mitchell, Route 1, Kenly, N. C.

Rommie Mitchell, Route 1, Kenly, N. C.
Dewey C. Boling, Clayton, N. C.
L. S. Joyner, 220 Lynn Road, Durham, N. C.
Paul Jenkins, 2108 Brantley Road, Kannapolis, N. C.
J. C. Varnell, 1211 Adams St., Wilson, N. C.
Wiley Ferrall, Boute 1, Selma, N. C.

Wiley Ferrell, Route 1, Selma, N. C. W. E. Renfrow, Route 2, Kenly, N. C. Milton Davis, Route 2, Princeton, N. C.

M. L. Johnson, Box 190, Mount Olive, N. C.
Q. G. Worrell, 1006 Angier Ave., Durham, N. C.

Jasper Edwards, Route 3, Selma, N. C.

E. B. Williams, 324 Guest Road, Durham, N. C.

Ralph Clegg, 1800 Washington St., Durham, N. C.

W. L. Poythress, 215 Dewey St., Wilson, N. C.

Bobby Jockson, c/o C. J. Ketterman, Ewing, Ill.

Hilery Minchew, Route 1, Kenly, N. C.

Felton Johnson, Route 3, Kenly, N. C. Joseph C. Yates, Route 1, Box 366, Kannapolis, N. C.

G. Herman Griffin, Route 3, Elm City, N. C.

W. O. Lassiter, Route 3, Four Oaks, N. C.

Conrad Williford, 805 W. Club Blvd., Durham, N. C.

James E. Raper, Box 325, Selma, N. C. Luby C. Tyner, 807 W. Waddell St., 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.

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, 2215 Omah Ave., Durham, N. C.

Herbert Waid, Japan

Daniel Rivers, Route 1, Sims, N. C.

Earl Glenn, 1108 S. Tarboro St., Wilson, N. C.

Robert L. Rollins, Route 1, Ernul, 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. Robert Woodard, 108 North Wood Circle, Durham, N. C. Ronald Creech, Box 277 E. Durham Station, Durham, N. C. Eddie Corn, Route 6, Raleigh, N. C. Paul Lee, Box 234, Bailey, N. C. George H. Branning, 1809 Blvd. St., Greensboro, N. C. Dee Bissette, Route 2, Bailey, N. C. Charles Bryan, 6161/2 S. Washington St., Marion, Indiana George Lee, Route 4, Durham, N. C. Billy Morris, 817 Lynn Road, Durham, N. C. R. H. Jackson, Pine Level, N. C. J. V. Johnson, Route 2, Kenly, N. C. Cedric D. Pierce Jr., Pikeville, N. C. Billy Yawn, Box 277, Clayton, N. C. Leonard B. Woodall, Box 94, Lucama, 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, Box 50-A, Route 3, Smithfield, N. C. Barney Griffin, Kannapolis, N. C.

Garland Teasley

LICENTIATES

Ronnie Peele, Route 2, LaGrange, N. C. Keith Boyd, Columbia, S. C. Emmit Morris, Route 2, Kenly, N. C. M. L. Pittman, 408 Park Ave., Wilson, N. C. Billy Ray Creech, Selma, N. C. Bill McCorkle, 212 S. Alston Ave., Durham, N. C. Talmadge Nichols, Route 1, Kenly, N. C. Earl Gilliam, Nashville, Tenn. Vernon C. Lamm Horace Manning, Route 2, Bailey, N. C. Charles Morgan Andrew J. Hill Charles Hales James V. Joyner Eddie Dollar Nerry Wall Johnny Walker Billy Ray Jordan, Route 2, Pikeville, N. C. Jimmie Barfield, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.

CHURCHES, COUNTIES AND PASTORS FOR 1959-1960

ALAMANCE COUNTY Traveler's Rest—

CABARRUS COUNTY

Elwood Lane-Paul Jenkins

DURHAM COUNTY

Bethesda—E. B. Williams Calvary—Conrad Williford Edgemont—Ronald Creech Fellowship—Lonnie Graves King's Chapel Oak Grove—Q. G. Worrell Shady Grove—George C. Lee Jr. Sherron Acres—Billy Morris Union Grove—Bernard M. Duke

Franklin County

Saint's Delight-Ralph E. Clegg

JOHNSTON COUNTY

Branch Chapel—W. E. Renfrow Everett's Chapel—Billy R. Yawn Friendship—S. A. Smith Holly Springs—P. C. Wiggs Kenly—Supply Micro—Supply Pine Level—R. H. Jackson Piney Grove—Dewey Boling Pleasant Plain—W. S. Burns Rains' Cross Roads—N. B. Barrow Selma—James E. 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—Bill McClintock

Orange County West Hillsboro—

WAKE COUNTY

Tippett's Chapel—Frank Davenport

WAYNE COUNTY

Black Jack Grove—Douglas Johnson Fremont Chapel—W. E. Renfrow Pleasant Grove—R. N. Hinnant Pleasant Hill—Jerry Rowe Spring Hill—J. Vernon Barbour Stoney Creek—Supply Union Grove—R. N. Hinnant

WILSON COUNTY

Calvary—Cecil Rose
Little Rock—Leonard Woodall
Marsh Swamp—Daniel Rivers
Milbourney—Dewey Boling
Mt. Zion—W. O. Lassiter
New Sandy Hill—Thurman Hall
Oak Grove—Dee Bissette
People's Chapel—J. B. Ferrell
Rose Bud—C. R. Ethridge
St. Mary's—Boyd Shook
Watson's Grove—W. E. Renfrow
Wilson—Earl Glenn
First Union Meeting—R. N. Hinnant, Moderator

CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES

ALAMANCE COUNTY

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

CABARRUS COUNTY

Elwood Lane—Mrs. June Lambert, Annex St., Kannapolis, N. C.

DURHAM COUNTY

Bethesda—F. M. Suggs, 3739 Angier Ave., Durham, N. C. Calvary—Lorene Williford, 805 W. Club Blvd., Durham, N. C. Edgemont—Arnold Goodman, Box 277, E. Durham Sta., Durham, N. C. Fellowship—Barbara Wilkins, Box 269A, Hamlin Road, Route 5, Durham, N. C.

King's Chapel—Mrs. Hazel Johnson, Route 5, Box 185, Durham, N. C. Oak Grove—Mrs. Dora Carter, Route 4, Box 389, 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—C. E. Ferguson, 610 Old Oxford Highway, Durham, N. C.

Franklin County

Saint's Delight—Alex Gupton, Route 4, Louisburg, N. C.

JOHNSTON COUNTY

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

Everett's Chapel—Miss Joyce Ann Underwood, Route 2, Box 331, 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 2, Smithfield, N. C.

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

Pleasant Plain-Mrs. Margie Brown, Route 2, Selma, N. C.

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

Selma-Mrs. Thelma Stancil, Selma, N. C.

Stancill'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—W. E. Bissette, Route 1, Spring Hope, N. C. Free Union—H. C. Morgan, Route 2, Spring Hope, N. C. Memorial Chapel—Mrs. H. E. Mixon, Middlesex, N. C. Mt. Zion—L. W. Matthews, Route 2, Nashville, N. C. Rock Springs—Miss Paula Lee, Box 234, Bailey, 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-Mrs. J. P. Seley, Route 1, Wendell, 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, Box 458, Route 5, Goldsboro, N. C. Stoney Creek—Quinton Hare, Route 2, Box 367, Goldsboro, N. C. Union Grove—D. Bagley Morris, Route 2, Fremont, N. C.

WILSON COUNTY

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Calvary—Mrs. Rena Wood, 1001 Toisnot Ave., Wilson, N. C. Little Rock—Ralph Barnes, Lucama, N. C. Marsh Swamp—Mrs. Blanche B. Loftin, Route 1, Sims, N. C. Milbourney—Mrs. Icie Lamm, 812 S. Tarboro St., Wilson, N. C. Mt. Zion—Evel Boykin, Route 5, Kenly, N. C. New Sandy Hill—Mrs. Frances Hall, Route 1, Sims, 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.

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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—Miss Faye Kelley, 704 Industrial Ave., Wilson, N. C. First Union Meeting—C. S. Hinnant, Route 2, Pikeville, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

The seventy-third annual session of the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with Selma Church, Johnston County, October 14, 15, 1959.

Rev. James E. Raper led the congregation in singing "Jesus Saves." Rev. Paul Lee read Proverbs 6:9-11 as a Scripture lesson and prayer by Rev. Homer Willis.

After a song by the congregation, "Give of the Best to Your Master," the introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. W. B. Raper, president of Mount Olive Junior College. Scripture reading Psalm 16:5-11 and subject, "Free Will Baptist Heritage." Prayer by Rev. G. C. Joyner.

The secretary, Rev. R. N. Hinnant, officially opened the conference for business, the moderator presiding.

Rev. James E. Raper, host pastor, extended a hearty welcome to all present. Response by Rev. Joe Fort.

ROLL CALL OF MINISTERS

Ministers present first day: R. N. Hinnant, J. A. Evans (letter), L. H. Boykin, Rommie Mitchell, Dewey C. Boling, L. S. Joyner (letter), Paul Jenkins, J. C. Varnell, W. E. Renfrow, M. L. Johnson, Q. G. Worrell, Jasper Edwards, E. B. Williams, Ralph Clegg, W. L. Poythress, Hilery Minchew, Norman Adams, Conrad Williford, C. G. Ashley, James E. Raper, Luby Tyner, Wilton Morris, B. L. Shook, Albert Coates, Bernard Duke, Johnnie Walker, Daniel Rivers, Earl Glenn, Joseph Ingram, Robert Rollins, Douglas Johnson, Lonnie Graves, Ronald Creech, Paul Lee, George H. Branning, Charles Bryan (letter), George Lee, G. C. Joyner, Ronnie Peale, Cedric D. Pierce, J. V. Johnson, Earl Gilliam (letter), Horace Manning.

Ministers present second day: R. N. Hinnant, L. H. Boykin, Milford Hales, Rommie Mitchell, Dewey Boling, Paul Jenkins, Wiley Ferrell, W. E. Renfrow, Milton Davis, M. L. Johnson, Jasper Edwards, E. B. Williams, Hilery Minchew, Felton Johnson, Norman Adams, W. O. Lassiter, James E. Raper, Luby Tyner, Wilton Morris, B. L. Shook, Albert Coates, Raymond Sasser, Marvin Williams, Earl Glenn, Ronald Creech, Paul Lee, Dee Bissette, George Lee, G. C. Joyner, Cedric D. Pierce, J. V. Johnson, Horace Manning.

VISITING MINISTERS

Albemarle Conference—Bobby Aycock.

Cape Fear Conference—Chester Phillips, R. W. Allman, J. V. Barbour, Kirby Godwin.

Central Conference—Frank Davenport, N. B. Barrow, Walter Reynolds, J. O. Fort, Raymond Gaskins, Billy Walker, W. B. Raper, J. W. Everton.

Eastern Conference—J. W. Alford, Johnny Floyd Sr., W. S. Burns, R. L. Edwards, Joseph Ingrams, Albert Rollins.

Blue Ridge Association—Clyde Cox.

Pee Dee Association—M. L. Baxley.

Piedmont Association-Walter Carter, W. F. McQuage.

Out of state ministers—Homer Willis, R. E. Picirilli, Jesse V. Bone, F. A. Rivenbark, Joe Haas, Bobby Rogers.

Other denominations-O. E. Houna, Raymond Roberts.

ROLL CALL OF CHURCHES

(See statistical table)

An offering for the Children's Home was received, amounting to \$66.47. Benediction and grace for the noon day meal by Rev. F. A. Rivenbark.

LUNCH

AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotions by Rev. Lonnie Graves. Scripture reading, 1 Corinthians 11: 1. After prayer, Rev. Homer Willis gave a verbal report of the work of the National Home Mission Board.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Memorial—Paul Lee, Ronald Creech, Joe Morris. Resolutions—Daniel Rivers, Luther Bissette, Earl Glenn. Temperance—Lonnie Graves, W. L. Poythress, James E. Raper. Nominating—Paul Jenkins, L. H. Boykin, Mrs. Hardy Talton.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

October 14, 1959

We, the Executive Committee, report as follows:

During the conference year now ending we have held six (6) meetings and have considered the following business matters:

West Hillsboro Church:

We have received charges concerning the pastor and some members of the West Hillsboro Church. We are unable to report that this matter has been completely cleared up, and it is our opinion that, unless it is cleared up by the close of this session of the conference, the Executive Committee should immediately give further consideration to this matter.

Garland Teasley:

We have reinstated Garland Teasley as a minister in good standing in this conference. Garland's name had been dropped for non-attendance at the annual sessions; however, he has met the requirements for reinstatement. Herbert Waid:

The office of Herbert Waid, a member of the Board of Superannuation, was declared vacant, and W. E. Renfrow was elected to fill the vacancy. The clerk was requested to determine the desire of Brother Waid, who is in Japan as a missionary, concerning his conference membership.

Fred Hall:

A letter of transfer to unite with the Blue Ridge Association was granted to the Reverend Fred Hall.

St's. Delight Church and Pastor:

We have received complaints from members of St's. Delight Church about the administration and conduct of the pastor. We have investigated this matter. We referred the matter of conduct of the pastor to the Ministerial Character Committee and have received a recommendation that he be placed on probation until this annual session of the conference. Because of actions by the local church we are unable to report that this matter has been settled. It is our opinion that, unless the matter is completely settled by the close of this session, the Executive Committee should immediately give further attention to this matter.

During the course of our consideration of the above matter, we accepted the resignation of the Reverend Ralph Clegg as chairman and a member of the Board of Ordination and designated the Reverend James A. Evans as temporary chairman with the privilege of calling upon any member of the Executive Committee to serve as the fifth member of the board.

We also designated the Reverend L. H. Boykin to serve on the Ministerial Character Committee in the absence of the Reverend G. Herman Griffin during his leave of absence due to illness.

Kenly Church:

We received a petition from officials of the Kenly Church asking for assistance in bringing about an election to determine whether or not the church would request the resignation of their pastor. After several meetings and interviews with members of the church, the moderator of this conference presided over a meeting of the church on February 1, 1959, at which time the church decided this question by vote and the results were accepted by the church and pastor.

Constitution and Bylaws:

In compliance with the direction of the last session of the conference, we have met with the chairmen of the Board of Ordination, Board of Missions, and Ministerial Character Committee and have prepared a proposed Constitution and Bylaws to be presented to this session of the conference.

M. L. Johnson, Moderator R. N. Hinnant, Clerk

By motion, the report of the Executive Committee be considered, item by item.

The entire report was accepted with items five and six carried respectively, 36 to 31 and 42 to 25.

Greetings from the Free Will Baptist Bible College and a resume of its work was given by Rev. Robert E. Picirilli.

Motion to adjourn and benediction by Rev. Paul Jenkins.

THURSDAY MORNING

The conference reconvened at 9:30 a.m. with devotions conducted by Rev. R. H. Jackson. The congregation sang "Stand Up For Jesus," and Scripture for meditation was read from the third chapter of Acts.

Roll call of ministers. (See ministers present.)

Roll call of churches. (See statistical table.)

An offering was received for Mount Olive Junior College amounting to \$44.65.

REPORT OF MOUNT OLIVE JUNIOR COLLEGE

of the

WESTERN CONFERENCE OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS October, 1959

APPRECIATION

We are grateful for our many friends who have stood firmly behind Mount Olive Junior College since it was chartered by the North Carolina State Convention in 1954. The progress we have enjoyed would have been impossible without your earnest prayers, generous support and tireless labor in our behalf.

God has blessed Mount Olive Junior College as He has no other institution among Free Will Baptists in this generation. Today the total assets of this college amount to \$210,000. In five years the enrollment has increased from 22 to more than 150 students. We now enjoy full academic accreditation of the accrediting agencies of this state and are pressing rapidly toward regional accreditation.

To everyone who has contributed to this progress, we are profoundly grateful.

STUDENTS FROM WESTERN CONFERENCE

Included in our student body are nine students from your district as follows:

Student Church
David Rex Barfield—Pleasant Grove
Jack Benny Batten—Little Rock
Linda Fay Braswell—Rains' Cross Roads
Serena Ann Futrell—Union Grove
Deanye Grace Lee—Union Grove
Johnny Gattis Walker—Sherron Acres
Betty Jean Ard—Memorial Chapel
Ralph Edward Hayes—Little Rock
James Vernon Joyner—Sherron Acres

FINANCE

A report of gifts received through the local churches of this conference is attached. We hope you will study this report of gifts. If you are not satisfied with what your church did last year, please try to help increase the gift this year.

Our budget for 1959-1960 calls for an expenditure of \$190,950. We must receive at least \$90,000 in gifts in order to reach this budget. The aim of our Loyalty Fund Campaign is to raise at least \$65,000 by February 10, 1960. We earnestly solicit your support and co-operation in helping us to reach this goal. We recommend that all our churches and Sunday schools observe November 1 as Mount Olive Junior College Loyalty Fund Day.

Guideposts

Our aim at Mount Olive Junior College is to build a college that will be known by the following characteristics:

- 1. A Christian college;
- 2. A college that will best serve the educational needs of the Free Will Baptist denomination and one that will preserve and perpetuate our historic heritage;
- 3. An accredited college whose academic standards are honored and respected;
- 4. A college with a sound program of student aid for worthy students who need financial assistance;
- 5. A college that fosters a wholesome and helpful relationship between students and faculty;
- 6. A college that will contribute to the educational, cultural and spiritual life of the community of which it is a part;
- 7. A college whose graduates are thinking persons, trained in the discipline of the liberal arts, and committed to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour, and who desire to use their lives in service to God and all mankind.

REPORT OF GIFTS TO MOUNT OLIVE JUNIOR COLLEGE CREDITED TO CHURCHES OF THE WESTERN CONFERENCE

August 25, 1958—August 31, 1959

	Amount by	7	Su	nday			
Name of Church	Individual	Church	S	chool	Auxiliary	Misc.	Total
Barnes Hill	\$	\$	\$	3.00	\$	\$	\$ 3.00
Black Jack Grove		8.60					8.60
Branch Chapel	25.00	20.00		90.44			135.44
Calvary	25.00	17.50					42.50
Elwood Lane		50.00					50.00
Everett's Chapel	15.00	84.19		10.00			109.19
Flood's Chapel		37.65		14.21			51.86
Free Union		30.00			9.00		39.00

STATISTICAL TABLE OF CHURCHE DELEGATES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

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Churches	County	Yearly Meeting	Regular Meetings	Raised for Missions	Raised for Children's Home	Raised for Education	Other Purrower	Paid Pastor	Total Funds Raised	Number Members	Baptized	Sunday School	Auxiliary Church Property	Conference	Delegates
Elwood Lane Bethesda Calvary Edgemont Fellowship Oak Grove Shady Grove Sherron Acres Union Grove Saint's Delight Branch Chapel Everett's Chapel Friendship Holly Springs Kenly Micro Pine Level Piney Grove Pleasant Plain Rains' Cross Roads Selma Stancil's Chapel Brree Union Memorial Chapel Free Union Memorial Chapel Mt. Zion Rock Springs Stony Hill Union Chapel	Nash Nash Nash Nash Nash Nash Nash Nash	August September August October August October August October June September September August August August August August August August September August August September September September September September August August September August Augus	Full Time Fourth Full Time Second, Fourth Full Time Second, Fourth Full Time Second, Fourth Full Time Second, Fourth Full Time First, Third Full Time First, Third Full Time First, Third Focond, Fourth Second, Fourth Second, Fourth Second, Fourth First Full Time	\$ 428 \$ 361 8,441 729 273 785 50 254 150 200 89 31 100 300 89 35 50 41 46 70 49 157 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	296 82 180 223 180 2217 502 217 244 48 225 125 218 208 208 208 208 208 208 208 208 208 20	\$ 125 32 2,001 	18. 7.2.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.	331 5200 3,270 3,270 3,475 3,454 3,150 618 3,150 1,1082 2,835 1,1082 2,835 1,1082 1,240 1,240 1,532 1,537 1,340 1,532 1,537 1,340 1,532 1,537 1,340 1,532 1,537 1,540 1,532 1,537 1,540 1,532 1,530 1,532 1,537 1,540 1,532 1,537 1,540 1,532 1,537 1,540 1,532 1,530 1,532 1,537 1,540 1,532 1,530 1,532 1,530 1,532 1,530 1,532 1,530 1,532 1,530 1,532 1,530 1,532 1,530 1,532 1,530 1,532 1,530 1,532 1,530 1,532 1,530 1,532 1,530 1,532 1,530 1,532 1,530 1,532 1,530 1,532 1,530 1,532 1,530 1,530 1,532 1,530 1,53	2,578 12,769 9,729 1,857 13,006 6,060 2,300 6,060 2,300 3,641 4,572 1,4572 1,4572 1,4572 1,572 2,630 4,78 1,964 4,047 1,732 2,522 2,546 6,169 4,047 1,732 1,732 1,773 1,992 1,773 1,992 1,020	30 823 54 70 823 54 70 823 54 70 823 54 70 823 54 824	35446 839111 8393 84863000	0 40 1 41312 2 1 1852 3 1 1851 3 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	88 25,000 88 35,000 175,000 122 100,000 103,000 103,000 105,000 115,000 125 25,000 126 67,000 127 5,000 128 67,000 129	0 0 10 10 10 10 10 10	Mrs. Frank Whaley, Mrs. Felton Watson J. T. Wellons, N. R. Hatcher Mrs. Ida Styron, Mrs. Fracis Pittman Jimie Barnes and Wife Willard Pittman and Wife Mrs. W. R. Williams, Harold House I. M. Mitchell, Luby Tyner Paul Batten and Wife C. J. Barnes, G. I. Smith B. C. Brantley and Wife No Report Tom Matthews and Wife Luther Bissette Mrs. Judy Lamm, Mrs. Donnie Baines Mrs. Lillian Tyson T. R. Lee, J. P. Seley Nelson Kornegay and Wife Robert Davis, Charlie Wright Mrs. Hardy Talton, Mrs. U. J. Roberts Clarence Bunn, Murry Bass Mrs. J. A. Allen, Mrs. James A. Allen Oscar Lancaster and Wife Henry Godwin Mrs. Esther Kirby, Mrs. Daisy Simpson 'aeford Fulghum and Wife 'im Renfrow and Wife Tjoyd Bunn and Wife 'ene Bissette Vorman Vaughan 'ames H. Bridgers 'Irs. Elsie Pittman, George Taylor 'immie L. Barfield

Fremont Chapel				1.00		1.00
Friendship	28.00	105.79	86.26	19.00		239.05
Holly Springs	25.00	25.00	37.61	9.00		96.61
Kenly	159.72	100.00	1.00	24.00	10.00	294.72
King's Chapel		20.00				20.00
Little Rock	155.00	229.58	63.57	210.00		658.15
Marsh Swamp	929.90	83.00	181.70	75.00		1,269.60
Micro	380.00	11.00	22.55	10.00	12.85	436.40
Melbourne		37.09				37.09
Mt. Zion (Nash)		111.78	119.48	25.00	18.40	274.66
Mt. Zion (W)		60.00				60.00
New Sandy Hill		5.00	24.43			29.43
Orphanage Mem. C.	30.00	107.52				137.52
People's Chapel		62.20	32. 4 7			94.67
Pine Level	455.00	130.24	89.62	48.10	15.95	738.91
Piney Grove	55.00	80.00		10.00		145.00
Pleasant Grove	415.50	171.57	361.98	166.00	15.00	1,130.05
Pleasant Hill	16.00	20.54	25.00			61.54
Pleasant Plain	200.00	69.67	16.73	40.60		327.00
Rains' Cross Roads	530.00	143.03	25.00	156.10		854.13
Rock Springs			25.16			25.16
Rose Bud	100.00		4.00			104.00
Sherron Acres	31.00			2.00		33.00
Selma				15.00		15.00
St. Mary's	12.00	111.50	50.49	6.00		179.99
Spring Hill		25.00	52.36			77.36
Stancil's Chapel	31.00	32.00	35.51			98.51
Stoney Creek	260.00	70.57	163.73	35.00	10.09	539.39
Stony Hill		39.90				39.90
Union Chapel		26.16	11.62			37.78
Union Grove	467.50	57.00	306.36	31.67	12.00	874.53
White Oak Hill		57.18	3.00		5.54	65.72
Wilson		48.44	50.00	20.49		118.93

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

REPORT OF CHILDREN'S HOME

WESTERN CONFERENCE

September 1, 1958—August 31, 1959

Churches Sunday Schools Auxiliaries Given Concert Classes	\$ 7,060.77 1,808.26 2,032.16 625.97
Total	\$11.527.16

REPORT OF STATE SUPERANNUATION BOARD TO THE WESTERN CONFERENCE

For the year 1958—1959

- 1. We now have 22 ministers who receive regular monthly pension checks, of this number 7 are from your conference.
- 2. We have 25 minister's widows who receive regular quarterly pension checks, of this number 4 are from your conference.
 - 3. Contributions made by the conference to superannuation:

Churches	\$1,160.81
Sunday Schools	155.21
Leagues	1.00
Auxiliaries	69.37
Unions	104.00
Individuals	10.00

Total \$1,500.39

- 4. The budget for 1959-1960 is \$20,000.00, based on .50c per member of the churches of this state.
- 5. October is superannuation month. Please send all superannuation funds to: Walter Reynolds, Route 2, Snow Hill, North Carolina.
- 6. May I say thank you for your support, and at the same time urge you to do more in the coming year for superannuation.

In Him,

Walter Reynolds Chairman-Treasurer

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ORDINATION OF THE WESTERN CONFERENCE

October 15, 1959

- 1. We recommend that the following be received into our fellowship and enrolled as licentiates: Charles Morgan, Andrew J. Hill, Charles Hales, James V. Joyner, Eddie Dollar, Nerry Wall, Johnny Walker, Billy Ray Jordan.
- 2. We recommend that the following ministers be included on the roll of ordained ministers:
- Rev. Billy Morris, 817 Lynn Rd., Durham, N. C., coming from the First District Quarterly Meeting of South Carolina Conference.
- Rev. R. H. Jackson, Pine Level, N. C., coming from the Piedmont Association.
- 3. We recommend a letter of transfer be granted to Brother Norman Adams to unite with the First District Quarterly Meeting of South Carolina Conference.
 - 4. We recommend that the name of Julian C. Brooks be stricken from

our roll of ordained ministers as he has united with another denomination and has surrendered his credentials.

- 5. We recommend that Brother J. V. Johnson and Brother Cedric D. Pierce Jr., 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.
- 6. We recommend the revoking of the credentials of C. G. Ashley due to his departing from the faith of Free Will Baptist doctrines.
- 7. We recommend that Brother Ralph Clegg co-operate fully with the conference Executive Committee to clear up the matter concerning Saint's Delight Church.
- 8. We believe that education is a vital need of anyone's life today whether he be a minister of the gospel, a teacher, or a member. We further believe that in accordance with our present day system of education in our public schools, we should encourage all licentiates to pursue their education as far as possible that they may be better qualified to meet the needs of their lives as pastors.

We therefore recommend that the Board of Ordination shall instruct all candidates, coming for license or ordination, of the advantages of education, imparting to each one all available information as to the type of training offered by our colleges and recommending to each that they pursue their education as much as possible.

9. An irregularity has been called to the attention of this board concerning the issuing of license to preach the gospel to our licentiates.

For some few years this board has proceeded, upon recommendation of a local church, to examine and issue a certificate of license to preach. This practice is contrary to our statement of faith and discipline as is set forth on Page 47 of our discipline under the heading; The Ministry, namely:

"No member of our denomination shall take upon himself the public ministry of the gospel unless he feels sure he is called (divinely) and makes report of same to the church, at which time the church shall call for the ordaining council from the conference or association of which the church is a member, and the council shall give the applicant an examination embracing matters of piety, doctrine, conviction and purpose respecting the work of the ministry; and also investigate the reputation and ability of the candidate and his present and perspective educational and professional qualifications. After the examination, if the council is satisfied, the church shall issue to the applicant a license for one year, and at the expiration of one year, if the licensed minister has developed and proved his ability and usefulness, then the church, of which he is a member, may request the ordaining council of the conference or association, of which the church is a member, to give the licensed minister an examination concerning the matters already set forth for a licensed minister, and in addition, as to his knowledge of the doctrines and history of the Original Free Will Baptist Denomination, together with theology, homiletics and his attained literary qualifications. The license of the applicant must not be allowed to lapse for any period of time prior to ordination."

Due to the fact that several of our ordained ministers were among the number of licentiates receiving license from the ordaining board rather than their local church; we therefore recommend that this session of the Western Conference go on record to make all such certificates valid and that all future members of this board be instructed to familiarize himself with all rules governing the board of ordination.

- 10. We recommend that the name of Clifton Wilder be stricken from our roll of licentiates as he has united with another denomination, and that he be requested to surrender his certificate of license.
- 11. We recommend that the name of Brother Barney Griffin be placed upon the roll of superannuated ministers.
- 12. We recommend that the following ministers be included on the roll of ordained ministers: Billy Yawn, Piedmont Association; Leonard Woodall, Cape Fear Conference.
- 13. We recommend that the name of Jimmie Barfield be enrolled as a licentiate.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Paul Jenkins, proxy for Rev. J. A. Evans

Rev. Dewey Bolling

Rev. Albert Coates

Rev. R. N. Hinnant

Rev. Daniel Rivers

At 11:15 the following ministers were ordained by the Board of Ordination: J. V. Johnson and Cedric D. Pierce Jr.

During the ordination services a hymn by the congregation, "Give of Your Best to the Master," was sung. Prayer by Rev. Raymond Sasser. Scripture and charge by Rev. Paul Jenkins. Presentation of the Bible by Rev. Dewey Boling and prayer of dedication by Rev. R. N. Hinnant. Each candidate was given a certificate of ordination by Rev. Albert Coates. The hand of fellowship was extended while the congregation sang, "Amazing Grace."

Adjournment for lunch. Benediction and grace for the food by Rev. Raymond Sasser.

LUNCH

AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotions by Rev. George Lee. While standing, the congregation sang, "Stand Up for Jesus," after which he read from Ephesians 6:1-13, followed by prayer.

CONSTITUTION

WESTERN CONFERENCE

ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA

PREAMBLE:

We, the Western Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist denomination of North Carolina, desiring to be in fellowship in a bond of union, do ordain this Constitution.

This shall be the Constitution of the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

The object of the annual conference shall be to promote Christ's Kingdom among men by means in strict conformity to the Holy Scriptures.

ARTICLE 1: The conference or association shall be composed of affiliated ministers and churches within its bounds. Each church representing with one delegate for each one hundred members or fraction thereof. Each union meeting shall represent to the conference with one delegate for each 1,000 members or fraction thereof.

Article 2: The delegation from each church shall carry to the conference or association a letter certifying their appointment, and giving the statistics and financial condition of the church; together with a statement of all funds received and disbursed for denominational and benevolent purposes during the year.

ARTICLE 3: The officers shall be moderator, assistant moderator, treasurer and clerk, who shall be elected for a term of two years, entering upon the duties of said office at the close of the current session.

ARTICLE 4: BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Section 1: Executive Committee: The Executive Committee shall be composed of the moderator, clerk, treasurer and two members elected by the conference at the time of the official election of officrs. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to transact the business of the conference when the conference is not in session.

Section 2: Board of Trustees: It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees to hold in trust all tangible property deeded to the conference and to sign any necessary documents essential to the welfare of said property, subject to the approval of the conference.

Section 3: Board of Ordination: It shall be the duty of the Board of Ordination to examine and ordain candidates for the ministry in keeping with the provisions of the Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina; to investigate the doctrine preached by any minister, when brought into question by accusers, and make recommendations to the proper authorities; to examine

ordained ministers seeking membership in this conference and to recommend them to the conference when examination is satisfactory.

Section 4: Board of Ministerial Character: It shall be the duty of the Board of Ministerial Character to hear or receive written accusations of unchristian conduct against any minister within the bounds of this conference. When such accusations are received, it shall be their duty to investigate and make any recommendations thought advisable for the best interest of the conference and denomination to the proper authorities, thus disposing of said accusations in keeping with the Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

Section 5: Board of Missions: It shall be the duty of the Board of Missions to work co-operatively with the state and national mission boards in furthering the mission program within the bounds of the Western Conference; namely, to raise money, arrange itineraries, organize and develop mission points, and keep the work of missions before the churches.

Section 6: Credentials Committee: It shall be the duty of the Credentials Committee to receive reports from each church representing to the conference; check donations enclosed, to be verified and received by the treasurer; compile necessary statistics into a digest report; and recommend any church asking to be received into the conference.

Section 7: Term of Office: The Board of Trustees, Board of Ordination, Board of Ministerial Character, Board of Missions and Credentials Committee shall be composed of five (5) members each. These members shall be so elected that the term of one member of each board will expire annually. The conference is to fill the vacancies.

Section 8: Temporary Committees: At the discretion of the moderator or conference, temporary committees may be appointed or elected for designated purposes.

Section 9: Amendments or Revisions: This article or any section thereof may be amended or revised by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of members voting at any annual session, provided that said amendment shall be presented on the first day of the session for action on the following day.

ARTICLE 5: Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present its petition to the regular session of conference or association. If it be received, the moderator shall extend to its delegate the hand of fellowship.

ARTICLE 6: The conference or association may extend to visiting brethren all the privileges of the body save that of voting.

ARTICLE 7: An amendment to this Constitution may be proposed at any regular session of the Original State Convention and three-fourths ma-

jority of delegates present voting favorable, it shall be recommended to each conference and association for ratification.

ARTICLE 8: This Constitution shall become valid upon its adoption by two-thirds of the conferences and associations in North Carolina belonging to the State Convention.

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BYLAWS

- ARTICLE 1: A session of the Western Conference shall be held annually on Wednesday and Thursday following the second Sunday in October.
- ARTICLE 2: Each minister and delegate, in good standing, shall duly attend each day while in session or be subject to censure by the conference or association and reported to his local church.
- ARTICLE 3: If any member, in the judgment of the conference or association, shall show anger in his discussion on any subject, he shall forfeit his seat in that session.
- ARTICLE 4: No member of the conference or association shall be at liberty to withdraw without leave of the moderator.
- ARTICLE 5: The conference or association shall adjourn by a majority vote.
- ARTICLE 6: Each officer and member of standing committees and boards shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the conference or association.
- ARTICLE 7: The conference or association shall open and close with suitable devotions to God.
- ARTICLE 8: The minutes of the conference or association shall be signed by the moderator and clerk.

REPORT OF MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Since the last conference our Brother and co-laborer, Rev. T. Renfrow, has passed to his eternal reward. In respect and appreciation for the many years of his ministry to our denomination, we ask that the conference rise for a moment of silent prayer and that oral prayer be offered at the close.

Signed,

Paul Lee Joe Morris Ronald Creech

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION No. 1

Whereas, Mount Olive Junior College is currently conducting its second annual Loyalty Fund Campaign in an effort to raise \$65,000 by February 10, 1960, and

Whereas, Sunday, November 1, has been designated as Mount Olive Junior College Loyalty Fund Day, and

Whereas, Many of our students are currently enrolled at Mount Olive Junior College and others have been enrolled in the past, and

Whereas, We feel that the purpose and objective of Mount Olive Junior College deserves the whole-hearted support of all of our people, therefore be it resolved:

- 1. That we reaffirm our endorsement of Mount Olive Junior College.
- 2. That we endorse the Loyalty Fund Campaign currently being conducted.
- 3. That we recommend that all of our churches and Sunday schools observe Sunday, November 1, as Mount Olive Junior College Loyalty Fund Day.

Paul Jenkins
Chairman, Board of Education
of the Western Conference

\$122.78

RESOLUTION No. 2

Whereas, the host church has so splendidly entertained this 1959 session of the Western Conference, especially in the provision of facilities and the noonday meals; therefore be it resolved: That this conference extend to the pastor and church a rising vote of appreciation for their fine hospitality.

Luther E. Bissette Earl H. Glenn

Treasurer's Report, 1958-1959

Balance

Received: From Churches From Union Meetings Offering for Children's Home Offering for Mount Olive College	\$433.00 10.00 111.27 31.50	
Total Received		585.77
Total to Account For	_	\$708.55
Paid Out:		
Children's Home	\$111.27	
Mount Olive College	31.50	
Secretary's Expenses	55.00	
Board of Ordination	52.81	
Minutes	162.68	
Total Paid Out		413.26
Balance	_	\$295.29

REPORT OF MISSION BOARD

The Mission Board during the past year has not been active in developing new work.

We submit the following financial report:

Balance Brought Forward 1957-1958	\$342.10
Received from Churches 1958-1959	42.07
Total	\$384.17
Less Disbursements	96.42
Total	\$287.75

Signed,

Norman O. Adams, Chairman-Treasurer

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mt. Olive College Children's Home Offering Money Sent to Conference Pastor's Salary Missions Children's Home Education Other Purposes		\$	44.65 66.47 452.50 84,825.83 16,674.88 9,483.92 8,631.28 109,640.26
Total Raised for the Year		\$	238,705.19
No. Members Enrolled	9,429		
No. Baptized Average Sunday School Attendance	376 6,144		
No. Members Died	78		
No. Members Woman's Auxiliaries	1,046		
Total Value of Church Property		1,	,428,450.00
Grand Total		\$1,	658,269.79

Signed by committee,

C. S. Hinnant H. M. Minchew Dickie Pierce

A verbal report of the Free Will Baptist Press was given by Revs. R. N. Hinnant, president, and J. O. Fort, business manager.

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Alcoholics are being produced in the United States at the rate of more than 1,200 a day—over 50 an hour, around the clock—a noted authority on

alcoholism warned in Washington, D. C., recently. Dr. Andrew C. Ivy, chairman of the department of clinical sciences at the University of Illinois, told the fourth annual Institute of Scientific Studies for Prevention of Alcoholism that "Alcoholism is now the nation's number three health problem. It ranks immediately behind heart disease and cancer in its toll on American society."

We have at present 186,000 problem drinkers and 62,000 alcoholics in the state of North Carolina. In view of these startling figures, we recommend that every pastor and church take a definite stand against alcohol, and refrain from patronizing establishments that handle it.

Whereas, the North Carolina State Convention has endorsed the Christian Action League to combat alcoholism, we recommend that our churches promote this cause when possible, and support it financially.

Lonnie Graves James Earl Raper W. L. Poythress

REPORT OF BOARD OF MINISTERIAL CHARACTER

We have checked the list of ministers and find all in good standing from the standpoint of attendance.

We recommend that Rev. Ralph Clegg remain on probation until the situation at Saint's Delight Church is settled satisfactorily.

Signed, By the Board

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

(See officers elected.)

By motion, a rising vote of thanks be extended to the 1958-1959 officers and members of various boards.

By motion, identification cards be printed and mailed to each minister in attendance at the 1959 session.

By motion, the back of the 1959 minutes be utilized by Mount Olive Junior College.

By motion, the conference appropriate \$100.00 to the Mount Olive College Heritage Foundation, honoring the late Rev. Daniel Davis; also \$100.00 to the Children's Home and \$50.00 to the Free Will Baptist Bible College to be used for debt retirement.

By motion, our church letters to the conference be adapted to conform to the North Carolina State Convention letters.

Rev. M. L. Baxley gave a brief report of Cragmont Assembly, Inc.

By motion, the 1960 session of the conference convene with the Micro Church.

Motion to adjourn. Closing hymn, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds." Benediction by Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr.

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) Bap-
	tized since last Conference; (3) Average Sunday School attend-
	ance; (4) Died; (5) Number members of Wo-
	men'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.

MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Sponsored by the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists Chartered 1951

Program and Purpose

Mount Olive College is a two-year, co-educational college which emphasizes: moral and spiritual values, the importance of a liberal arts education, sound academic standards, and a close relationship between students and faculty. Our purpose is to provide a Christian College for the spiritual, intellectual, cultural, and social development of our students.

The Bible is accepted as the inspired Word of God, and the Free Will Baptist Treatise is our guide in all matters of theology

and church polity.

Mount Olive College offers the first two years of study leading toward an A. B. or B. S. degree in such fields as: Education (primary, grammar, high school, or higher education); science; law; music; pre-medical; religion; business; and related areas. A special nine-months course is offered in both secretarial science and accounting.

A liberal program of financial aid is available to worthy and

needy students.

Accredited By

The North Carolina College Conference
The North Carolina State Department
of Education

Approved By

The Veterans Administration
The United States Office of Education
The United States Department of Justice,
Immigration and Naturalization Service, for
Foreign Student Training

Member of

The American Association of Junior Colleges
The Southern Association of Junior Colleges
The North Carolina Council of Church-Related Colleges
The North Carolina Academy of Science

Investments That Last

A gift to Mount Olive College is an investment that pays lasting dividends. Contributions in any amount may be made for either of the following purposes:

1. General Fund

3. Memorial Loan Fund

2. Library Fund

4. Building Fund

5. Free Will Baptist Heritage Foundation

Include Mount Olive Junior College in your will.