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## OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1962-1963

Moderator.....	M. L. Johnson
Assistant Moderator.....	Dewey Boling
Clerk.....	R. N. Hinnant
Treasurer.....	Luther Bissette

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

M. L. Johnson, Chairman  
R. N. Hinnant  
Luther Bissette  
Earl Glenn  
R. H. Jackson

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

R. N. Hinnant, Chairman	1964
Joseph C. Yates	1963
F. A. Morris	1967
Paul Jenkins	1966
Tom Matthews	1965

### BOARD OF ORDINATION

B. L. Shook, Chairman	1964
Albert T. Coates	1963
Joe Ingram	1967
W. E. Renfrow	1966
Wiley Ferrell	1965

### BOARD OF MINISTERIAL CHARACTER

F. A. Rivenbark, Chairman	1964
Joseph C. Yates	1963
L. H. Boykin	1967
Leonard Woodall	1965
C. S. Hinnant	1966

### BOARD OF MISSIONS

R. H. Jackson, Chairman	1964
Billy Yawn	1963
Hillery Minchew	1967
W. L. Poythress	1966
Edmund Gonzales	1965

### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Cedric D. Pierce, Chairman	1964
C. S. Hinnant	1963
Jimmy Hodges	1967
Relmon Johnson	1965
Raymond Jones	1966

## ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

R. N. Hinnant, Route 1, Bailey, N. C.  
L. H. Boykin, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.  
Milford Hales, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.  
Romie Mitchell, Route 2, Pikeville, N. C.  
D. C. Boling, Box 13, Clayton, N. C.  
L. S. Joyner, 1220 Lynn Street, Durham, N. C.  
Paul Jenkins, 2108 Brantley Road, Kannapolis, N. C.  
Wiley Ferrell, Route 2, Four Oaks, N. C.  
W. E. Renfrow, Route 2, Kenly, N. C.  
Milton Davis, Route 2, Princeton, N. C.  
M. L. Johnson, Box 220, Middlesex, N. C.  
Jasper Edwards, Route 3, Selma, N. C.  
W. L. Poythress, 215 Dewey Street, Wilson, N. C.  
Hillery Minchew, Route 1, Kenly, N. C.  
Felton Johnson, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.  
J. C. Yates, Route 1, Box 321-A, Kenly, N. C.  
G. Herman Griffin, Route 3, Elm City, N. C.  
Luby C. Tyner, 807 W. Waddell Street, Selma, N. C.  
Boyd L. Shook, Box 325, Selma, N. C.  
Albert T. Coates, Route 1, Box 300, Smithfield, N. C.  
John C. Walker, 2619 Omah Avenue, Durham, N. C.  
Daniel Rivers, Chaplain U. S. Army  
Earl Glenn, 1108 S. Tarboro Street, Wilson, N. C.  
Robert L. Rollins, Route 1, Ernul, N. C.  
Douglas Johnson, Clayton, N. C.  
Edmund Gongales, 311 Spring Road, Durham, N. C.  
Dee Bisette, Route 2, Bailey, N. C.  
R. H. Jackson, Box 332, Pine Level, N. C.  
Cedric D. Pierce, Pikeville, N. C.  
Cedric D. Pierce, Jr., Route 2, Box 106-A, Pikeville, N. C.  
Billy R. Yawn, Box 277, Clayton, N. C.  
Leonard B. Woodall, Kenly, N. C.  
G. C. Joyner, Route 3, Smithfield, N. C. (Superannuated)  
Melvin K. Everington, Sims, N. C.  
Joseph H. Ingram, Route 2, Box 489, Goldsboro, N. C.  
Earl Minchew, Route 2, Princeton, N. C.  
Jimmie Barfield, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.  
Charles Morgan, Route 1, Bailey, N. C.  
Raymond E. Jones, 113 N. Hyde Park Avenue, Durham, N. C.  
Horace Medlin, Route 2, Bailey, N. C.  
James Joyner, 209 Park Drive, Wilson, N. C.  
Fred A. Rivenbark, 817 Lynn Road, Durham, N. C.  
Harold Jones, 332 Barnes Street, Clayton, N. C.  
Jimmy A. Hodges, Route 1, Box 153, Concord, N. C.  
Billy Ray Jordan, Route 2, Box 316, Pikeville, N. C.

Joe H. Johnson, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.  
W. G. Boykin, Raleigh, N. C. (Superannuated)  
M. L. Cummings, Raleigh, N. C. (Superannuated)  
Barney Griffin, Kannapolis, N. C. (Superannuated)

#### LICENTIATES

M. L. Pittman, Box 408, Park Avenue, Wilson, N. C.  
Allen Campbell, 600 Yarn Street, Clayton, N. C.

#### VISITING MINISTERS

*Eastern Conference:* S. A. Smith, Lloyd Vernon, Roy O'Donnell, D. W. Hansley, Graham Lane, Bruce Dudley.

*Central Conference:* N. B. Barrow, Walter Reynolds, Hubert Burress, C. L. Patrick, W. B. Raper, Noah Brown, C. H. Overman.

*Albemarle Conference:* A. B. Bryan.

*Cape Fear Conference:* R. C. Cherry, C. F. Bowen, R. W. Allman.

*Tidewater Association of Virginia:* W. A. Hales.

#### CHURCHES, COUNTIES AND PASTORS FOR 1962-1963

##### CABARRUS COUNTY

New Hope—Jimmy Hodges

Elwood Lane—Paul Jenkins

##### DURHAM COUNTY

Edgemont—Raymond E. Jones

Sherron Acres—Fred Rivenbark

King's Chapel—Edmund Gonzales

King's Chapel—

##### JOHNSTON COUNTY

Branch Chapel—W. E. Renfrow

Everett Chapel—Billy R. Yawn

Friendship—Edward Miles

Holly Springs—W. L. Poythress

Kenly—D. W. Hansley

Micro—M. E. Godwin

Pine Level—R. H. Jackson

Piney Grove—Cedric Pierce, Jr.

Pleasant Plain—N. D. Wiggs

Rains' Cross Roads—N. D. Wiggs

Selma—Boyd L. Shook

Stancil's Chapel—W. E. Renfrow

##### NASH COUNTY

Barnes Hill—Horace Medlin

Flood's Chapel—Charles Morgan

Free Union—James Joyner

Memorial Chapel—  
Mt. Zion—R. N. Hinnant  
Rock Springs—Swade Benson  
Stony Hill—Leonard B. Woodall  
Union Chapel—Felton Johnson

#### WAYNE COUNTY

Black Jack Grove—Luby C. Tyner  
Fremont Chapel—Dan Beaman  
Pleasant Grove—Albert T. Coates  
Pleasant Hill—Jack Mayo  
Stoney Creek—Joseph Ingram  
Union Grove—Albert T. Coates

#### WILSON COUNTY

Calvary—Bruce Dudley  
Little Rock—Frank R. Harrison  
Marsh Swamp—M. K. Everington  
Milbournie—Dewey Boling  
Mt. Zion—W. O. Lassiter  
New Sandy Hill—Charles Morgan  
People's Chapel—Horace Medlin  
Rose Bud—Harold Jones  
St. Mary's—J. C. Yates  
Watson's Grove—Jimmie L. Barfield  
Wilson—C. F. Bowen

FIRST UNION MEETING—R. N. Hinnant, Moderator

SECOND UNION MEETING—

### CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES

#### CABARRUS COUNTY

Elwood Lane—Mrs. June Lambert, Annex Street, Kannapolis, N. C.  
New Hope—Helen Carter, Route 1, Box 20, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.

#### DURHAM COUNTY

Edgemont—Leo Paschall, 213 Laurel Street, Durham, N. C.  
Sherron Acres—W. L. Bennett, Box 123, E. Durham Station, Durham,  
N. C.  
King's Chapel—Mrs. Hazel Johnson, Route 5, Box 185, Durham, N. C.

#### JOHNSTON COUNTY

Branch Chapel—Eugene Price, 208 W. Elizabeth Street, Selma, N. C.  
Everett Chapel—Mrs. Sandra Jones, 332 Barnes Street, Clayton, N. C.  
Friendship—Mrs. J. Ralph Strickland, Route 1, Middlesex, N. C.  
Holly Springs—C. M. Atkinson, Route 2, Kenly, N. C.  
Kenly—Bobby Pope, Box 92, Kenly, N. C.

Micro—Mrs. Carl Bagley, Route 3, Selma, N. C.  
Pine Level—J. Alton White, Pine Level, N. C.  
Piney Grove—Luther G. Pope, Box 115, Kenly, N. C.  
Pleasant Plain—Linwood Griffin, Route 2, Selma, N. C.  
Rains' Cross Roads—Mrs. Archie C. Parrish, Box 173, Princeton, N. C.  
Selma—Mrs. Rouse Coats, 211 E. Lizzie Street, Selma, N. C.  
Stancil's Chapel—Russell L. Peele, Route 1, Middlesex, N. C.

#### NASH COUNTY

Barnes Hill—Ervin T. Vick, Route 1, Box 251, 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, Route 2, Middlesex, N. C.  
Mt. Zion—L. W. Matthews, Route 2, Nashville, N. C.  
Rock Springs—Mrs. Ann W. Costin, Route 1, Bailey, N. C.  
Stony Hill—Mrs. Mabel Glover, Route 2, Middlesex, N. C.  
Union Chapel—Mrs. Rosa Boykin, Route 1, Middlesex, N. C.

#### WAYNE COUNTY

Black Jack Grove—T. C. Hines, 1607 S. Murphy Street, Goldsboro, N. C.  
Fremont—Walter V. Bass, Box 224, Fremont, N. C.  
Pleasant Grove—Irvin Rowe, Route 2, Pikeville, N. C. ✓  
Pleasant Hill—Mrs. Marjorie Snipes, Route 2, Princeton, N. C.  
Spring Hill—Mrs. B. H. Woodard, Route 5, Box 458, Goldsboro, N. C.  
Stoney Creek—Quinton Hare, Route 6, Box 553, Goldsboro, N. C.  
Union Grove—D. B. Morris, Route 2, Fremont, N. C.

#### WILSON COUNTY

Calvary—Mrs. Martha Bartlett, Route 4, Newton Park, Wilson, N. C.  
Little Rock—Ralph Barnes, Route 1, Lucama, N. C.  
Marsh Swamp—Mrs. Blanche B. Loftin, Route 1, Sims, N. C.  
Milbournie—Miss Kathryn Lamm, Route 2, Box 621, Wilson, N. C.  
Mt. Zion—Evel Boykin, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.  
New Sandy Hill—Mrs. Frances Hall, Route 1, Sims, N. C.  
People's Chapel—Miss Edna Wells, Route 2, Box 101-A, Elm City, N. C.  
Rose Bud—Mrs. Lloyd B. Wiggs, Route 4, Wilson, N. C.  
St. Mary's—Eugene Williamson, 1509 S. Goldsboro Street, Wilson, N. C.  
Watson's Grove—Aileen Barfield, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.  
Wilson—Mrs. Sara L. Bozur, 1101 S. Tarboro Street, Wilson, N. C.  
First Union Meeting—C. S. Hinnant, Route 2, Pikeville, N. C.

# PROCEEDINGS

The seventy-sixth annual session of the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with Everett Chapel Church, Clayton, North Carolina, October 17, 18, 1962.

The conference opened by singing "Onward Christian Soldiers," led by Rev. Earl Glenn, music director for the conference, and Mrs. R. N. Hinnant at the piano.

Rev. R. H. Jackson conducted the devotions. The congregation sang "The Church's One Foundation." Scripture reading, Psalm 133. Prayer by Rev. Graham Lane.

Rev. Billy Yawn, pastor of the local church, extended a hearty welcome to all and the mayor, Mr. R. L. Cooper, extended a welcome to the town of Clayton.

Response by Rev. Joseph C. Yates.

Officers present representing the state work: Mrs. J. C. Moye, president of Woman's Auxiliary Convention; Rev. C. F. Bowen, president of League Convention; Rev. Earl Glenn, president of Sunday School Convention; Rev. Walter Reynolds, moderator of Central Conference; Rev. Graham Lane, assistant moderator of Eastern Conference; Rev. C. L. Patrick, president of State Convention; Rev. D. W. Hansley, president of North Carolina Ministerial Association.

Roll call of ministers. (See roll.)

Moderators message by Rev. M. L. Johnson.

Mrs. J. C. Moye, president of the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, gave a report of the woman's work of the state.

Report of the Free Will Baptist Press by Rev. R. N. Hinnant.

Shares owned by this conference, 42½ at \$10 per share, or \$425.00 invested. Each \$10.00 share is now worth \$226.25 or the 42½ shares are now valued at \$9,415.62. The total income of the press for the fiscal year 1961-1962 was \$232,706.40. The operating expenses for 1961-1962 were \$219,621.96. Net profit for the year 1961-1962 was \$14,708.88. Value of buildings is \$39,538.51. Value of machinery and equipment is \$212,191.09.

A report of Mount Olive College was given by Dr. W. B. Raper and received as information. An offering was received for the college amounting to \$100.00. Offertory prayer by Rev. G. C. Joyner.

The congregation sang "Count Your Blessings" and "Breathe On Me." A duet "In Times Like These," was sung by Mrs. Kenneth Starling and Mrs. David Strickland.

The introductory message was delivered by Rev. W. E. Renfrow. Scripture reading, Luke 10:25-37; subject, "A Suffering World."

Closing song, "Footsteps of Jesus."

Benediction by Rev. Albert T. Coates.



## LUNCH

### AFTERNOON SESSION

Rev. L. H. Boykin led the afternoon devotions. The congregation sang "Draw Me Nearer." Scripture reading, Psalm 1.

Partial report of credentials committee (adopted).

Churches Representing	41
Delegates Enrolled	88
Ministers Enrolled	40
Visiting ministers	17

#### Final Report of Credentials Committee:

Mount Olive College	\$ 100.00
Children's Home Offering	100.00
Money Sent to Conference	438.00
Pastor's Salary	71,099.06
Missions (Collection \$65)	4,209.40
Children's Home	9,324.97
Education	8,556.39
Other Purposes	111,270.83

Total Raised for the Year	\$205,098.65
Number Members Enrolled	6,698
Number Baptized	196
Average Sunday School Attendance	4,643
Number Members Died	61
Number Members Woman's Auxiliaries	862
Total Value of Church Property	\$1,249,800.00

### REPORT OF THE WESTERN CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, OCTOBER 17, 1962

Since our last report, on the third day of the seventy-fifth annual session of this conference, held on January 10, 1962, most of our activities have been related to the matters and things pertaining to the Ronald Creech and Edgemont Church dispute and the resulting lawsuits. We report the following items relative thereto:

#### 1. TRIAL AND APPEAL

During March of this year a trial was held in Durham County Superior Court on the complaint involving the Western Conference and the J. G. Teasley Faction vs. the James A. Miles Faction as reported in item 2 of our report of October 11, 1961. The verdict of the jury was not entirely satisfactory to the position and action of this conference in that it did find that the Western Conference had the authority and jurisdiction to take the action it did on January 18, 1961, in recognizing the J. G. Teasley Faction as the true congregation of Edgemont Church. However, on the second issue the jury did not find that the Western Conference acted within its authority,

jurisdiction, forms, and rules in taking the action it did on January 18, 1961. Upon the advice of our attorneys, and other attorneys not employed by us, we have appealed the decision of the jury on the second issue to the State Supreme Court. This appeal is scheduled to be heard by the Supreme Court during its work week beginning November 27.

This appeal was made on behalf of the Western Conference, by the officers and executive committee, by authority of article 4, section 1, of our constitution. We recommend that this action be approved by this, the 76th annual session of this conference.

## 2. RESTRAINING ORDER AND APPEAL

Also during March of this year and at the close of the trial mentioned above, Judge Hamilton H. Hobgood did modify and vacate the temporary restraining order relative to the Western Conference vs. Ronald Creech. However, the complaint in this case is still pending. Upon the advice of our attorneys, we have also appealed this matter to the State Supreme Court.

This appeal also was made on behalf of the Western Conference, by the officers and executive committee, by authority of article 4, section 1, of our constitution. We recommend that this action be approved by this, the 76th annual session of this conference.

## 3. ARTICLES RELEASED FOR INFORMATION

During the year we have released several articles for publication which were intended as information to interested persons and for the protection of the good name and reputation of this conference. These articles have been published by *The Free Will Baptist* and some of the information has been given to, and published by, various newspapers. These articles were also released to *Contact* until we were informed by the executive secretary of the National Association that no articles or statements by us, official or otherwise, would be published in *Contact*. We recommend that this action of releasing these articles and information be approved by this, the 76th annual session of this conference.

## 4. PETITION TO THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION

In September of this year we filed a petition with the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, asking that body to hear the report entitled "Edgemont Church" which was adopted by this conference on January 18, 1961, and to make a statement relative thereto. The State Convention did hear the report read in full and did unanimously adopt a statement in support of the position and action of this conference in adopting said report and also pledged the support and assistance of the State Convention to the Western Conference.

We recommend that this, the 76th annual session of this conference, approve the petition made to the State Convention and express its appreciation to the State Convention.

## 5. RECOMMENDATION

Because of the fact that there are several matters pending relative to the

lawsuits now before the courts which affect this conference and its officials, it is not possible for us to make a final and complete report at this time. It also seems very likely that it will be necessary to reconvene this conference after the courts have ruled on some of the matters now pending. Therefore, we recommend that the officers and executive committee of this conference be, and are hereby, fully and completely authorized to reconvene this conference at the time and place which to them may seem needful.

## 6. COST OF LEGAL ACTION

The cost of the legal actions that this conference has been forced to enter into has been great. Our people, both within and without this conference, have been very faithful in helping to provide the funds with which to meet this cost. However, we still need a considerable amount of money in order to pay the expenses that have been incurred to date and those that will become due as these matters are completed. An accurate and complete record is being made of all funds received and disbursed. A complete and full accounting of these funds will be available to this conference and to anyone having made a contribution.

We recommend that this, the 76th annual session of this conference, does hereby urge our ministers, churches, members, and friends in other conferences to realize that Original Free Will Baptists in general have a vital interest in the outcome of these matters and that they support these efforts as generously as possible by contributions to help meet the expenses, and by their personal interest and prayers on behalf of those officials of this conference who are called upon to carry the heavy loads of responsibility in these matters.

(The above report was adopted, in its entirety, by a unanimous vote of the officers, ministers, and delegates present and voting in the official seventy-sixth annual session of the Western Conference on October 17, 1962.)

## REPORT OF STUDY COMMISSION

To The Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina October 17, 1962:

We, the study commission, created by item 12 of the report of the executive committee adopted on October 12, 1962, do hereby make a partial report.

We have studied and reviewed the history, usages, customs, and practices of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina in general and of the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists in particular.

As a result of the above study, and in view of the established rules, regulations, and organizational structure of this conference, we make the following observations and recommendations:

## I. MINISTERIAL STANDING

### OBSERVATIONS

Throughout the history of the Western Conference it has been recognized that the Western Conference has had, and has exercised, authority

and jurisdiction over its member licensed and ordained ministers. It has further been historically recognized that the certificates of ordination, or ministerial credentials, held by the member ministers were, and are, the property of the conference, when issued or approved by the conference, and are subject to annulment and recall by the conference or its duly constituted boards and committees and that the member minister is placed under solemn promise to surrender such certificate upon official demand by the conference or its duly constituted boards or committees. It is further observed that throughout the entire history of the Western Conference the above has not only been understood and recognized by the ministers, churches, and laymen, but that until late 1960 this had been faithfully observed, respected, and obeyed and that prior to 1960 all member ministers who have been requested to deliver the certificate of ordination held by them have faithfully done so.

It is further observed that in addition to the historic understanding, usages, customs, and practices of the Western Conference whereby the minister, in order to remain in good standing and retain his certificate of ordination, was required to maintain good moral character and remain loyal to, and in harmony with, the doctrines, usages, customs, practices, rules, and regulations of the conference. It has also become an established rule and regulation of this conference that its member ministers must be faithful in the sessions of the conference and that the failure of a minister to attend two consecutive annual sessions, or give satisfactory explanation of his absence, he shall be required to forfeit his certificate of ordination. This requirement being based not only on the stated requirements of the discipline under which this conference has operated, but also upon specific actions of this conference as recorded in the official minutes of our conference as follows: Minutes of 1955 (held at Edgemont, Durham County) page 16 and the minutes of 1957 (held at Flood's Chapel, Nash County) pages 22, 23, and 25.

It is also further observed that it is contrary to the usages, customs, and practices of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina for a minister to flee from the jurisdiction of the conference to which he belongs or to remove himself from the membership of one conference and join another conference without a proper letter of recommendation and due notice. A withdrawal without such letter of commendation is equivalent to excommunication and the annulment of the certificate of ordination held by such minister.

However, it is observed that during and since October, 1960, certain ministers who were at that time members of the Western Conference, and who for cause, have been requested to surrender their certificates of ordination, have violated the above mentioned usages, customs, practices, rules, and regulations; have completely defied and ignored the long established usages, customs, practices, rules and regulations of this conference; have attempted to hold themselves out as ministers in good standing by virtue of certificates of ordination either issued or endorsed by the Western Confer-

# STATISTICAL TABLE OF CHURCHES, 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
New Hope	Cabarrus	August	Full Time	\$100	\$ 12	\$ 20	\$	\$1,057	\$ 132	71	1	75	22	\$ 12,000	\$10.00	Joel Nance	
Edgemont	Durham	October	Full Time	535			6,218	1,374	8,228	128						5.00	Mrs. Grace Jones, Mrs. Dora Joyner
Sherron Acres	Durham	October	Full Time	58	275	41	1,815	5,300	17,221	312	26	2	149	22	135,000	10.00	Mrs. Betty Hudson, Mrs. J. C. Forehand, Mrs. C. E. Ladd
Branch Chapel	Johnston	August	Second, Fourth		191	168	5,232	1,781	7,373	316	6	3	155		20,000	15.00	Elijah Phillips, Rufus Phillips
Everett Chapel	Johnston	January	Full Time	216	160			4,220	10,639	197	6	1	145	30	65,000	5.00	Herman Joyner, V. B. Bogley
Friendship	Johnston	August	Second, Fourth	64	560	1,005	4,053	1,800	7,483	191	4	2	98	23	27,000	10.00	Avery Congleton and Wife
Holly Springs	Johnston	October	First, Third	158	178	79	1,074	1,600	3,218	232	4	99	23	35	30,000	12.50	Mrs. I. H. Phillips, Mrs. Marvin Atkinson
Kenly	Johnston	August	Full Time	465	427	1,309	2,809	3,197	8,208	215	1	175	27		34,000	10.00	Marvin S. Edwards and Wife
Micro	Johnston	August	Second, Fourth	100	300	225	3,281	1,800	5,706	162	7	1	125	25	50,000	20.00	Furner Wellons, Wilbert Fitzgerald
Pine Level	Johnston		Full Time	362	541	647	1,816	4,160	7,527	357	22	4	202	40	68,000	15.00	Mrs. Roger Crocker, Mrs. Johnnie Woodard
Piney Grove	Johnston	October	Second, Fourth		362	115	991	1,200	2,669	245	4	3	200	23	25,000	10.00	J. A. Pittman and Wife, Etta Jones
Pleasant Plain	Johnston	June	Second, Fourth	225	359	151	3,121	2,000	5,858	225	2	2	110	22	40,000	10.00	Arthur Batten and Wife
Rain's Cross Roads	Johnston	August	First, Third	200	280	115	2,277	1,800	4,684	233	1	2	175	20	35,000	15.00	William Overman and Wife
Selma	Johnston									167	13		126	27		10.00	Mary Creech, Tom Hinnant
Stancil Chapel	Johnston	August	First, Third	71	310	118	1,905	1,200	3,606	163	6	2	125	23	15,000	8.00	Joe D. Bunn and Wife
Barnes Hill	Nash	February	Second, Fourth	4	89	15	526	1,089	1,724	137	2		75	18	6,500	5.00	C. J. Barnes, Monroe Lindsey
Flood's Chapel	Nash	October	Second, Fourth	38	74	40	3,053	600	3,806		1		55	13	22,500	10.00	Rev. Charles Morgan
Free Union	Nash	September	Second, Fourth	94	200	75	1,331	1,200	2,900	80	9	1	80	23	10,000	10.00	Lester Duncan
Memorial Chapel	Nash		Second, Fourth	25		55	146	226		67						5.00	
Mt. Zion	Nash	September	Second, Fourth	80	428	299	1,218	1,200	3,277	167	3	1	112	22	20,000	25.00	Monroe Manning and Wife
Rock Springs	Nash		First, Third	5	175	57	20	1,005	1,262	88	8	1	110	7	10,000	5.00	Elmer Whitley, Oscar Whitley, Jr.
Stony Hill	Nash	July	Second, Fourth			27	1,102	840	2,019	93	5		60	25	15,000	5.00	
Union Chapel	Nash	August	Third				38	120		158	30	20		2,500	5.00		
Black Jack Grove	Wayne	July	First, Third	24	40		1,768	935	2,767	75	4	1	105	15	7,500	5.00	Nelson Kornegay and Wife
Pleasant Grove	Wayne	August	First, Third	158	751	564	3,483	1,440	6,397	241	9		185	43	75,000	40.00	Mrs. G. Rich, Mrs. W. A. Taylor, Mrs. Hardy Talton
Pleasant Hill	Wayne	August	First, Third	20	50	114	1,510	960	2,655	107	1		87	14	30,000	10.00	Floyd Baker, Murrey Bass
Stoney Creek	Wayne	October	Full Time	547	328	435	15,265	3,380	19,956	226	14	2	254	57	40,500	10.00	Mrs. O. Smith, Mrs. B. Pate, Mrs. D. Kennedy
Union Grove	Wayne	September	Second, Fourth	90	147	160	2,608	1,500	4,506	187	1		115	40	30,000	10.00	J. L. Fleming and Wife
Calvary	Wilson	October	Full Time	159	180	111	1,929	2,038	5,714	91	2		110	20	30,000	5.00	W. R. Sawry
Little Rock	Wilson	September	First, Third	104	305	641	2,902	1,800	5,754	274	5	6	160	40	70,000	15.00	Millard Pittman and Wife, Mrs. P. Boyette
Marsh Swamp	Wilson	September	Full Time	152	608	516	3,371	3,950	8,598	335	23	4	185	30	58,000	15.00	Mrs. R. Nichols, Mrs. G. Deans, Mrs. F. Winborne
Milbourne	Wilson	May	Full Time	30	140	31	3,679	3,600	7,480	153	1		125	26	47,000	10.00	Leonard Williamson and Wife
Mt. Zion	Wilson		Second, Fourth	25	100	25	283	1,201	2,400	190	3	3	125	18	10,000	10.00	James Crocker and Wife
New Sandy Hill	Wilson	April	First, Third	23	130	28	3,425	1,244	4,850	146	3	1	122	18	5,000	5.00	
People's Chapel	Wilson	September	First, Third	42	121	135	3,052	1,000	4,351	177	1	1	88	25		10.00	Mrs. Myrtle Winstead, Mrs. Carol Perry
Rose Bud	Wilson	September	Full Time	19	40	9	24	800	892	100	2		62	13	16,000	5.00	
St. Mary's	Wilson	September	Full Time	208	380	496	4,090	3,435	8,614	269	2	3	168	23	75,000	7.50	Odell Howell, Mrs. V. Howell, Vira Taylor
Watson's Grove	Wilson	First	First		37		75		117	10			8		800	5.00	Letter
Wilson	Wilson	September	Full Time	273	471	230	21,866	5,273	22,842	408	15	3	389	58	135,000	10.00	Henry Williams, H. Mitchell, W. Z. Strickland
First Union Meeting				68	250	540			1,576						25.00	R. L. Radford, Mrs. R. N. Hinnant, Mrs. L. M. Sasser	
Second Union Meeting															5.00		

ence; have used their influence against the Western Conference; and are in fact in contempt of this conference.

It is the firm conviction of this commission that the conditions of violation referred to above are neither morally right nor legally honest. We further believe it to be the solemn duty of this conference and its duly constituted boards and committees to take whatever steps may be necessary to recall and repossess each certificate of ordination, either issued or endorsed by this conference, now held by ministers who have violated the usages, customs, practices, rules, and regulations of this conference as listed above, have used their influence against this conference, and are in contempt of this conference.

In view of the above we do make the following recommendations:

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the board of ordination of this conference be and is hereby instructed to make such revisions of the procedure for recommending ministers for ordination and/or membership in this conference that may be necessary in order to require that each minister who becomes a member of this conference shall be required to evidence in writing his promise to remain loyal to, and in harmony with, the doctrines, usages, customs, practices, rules, regulations, and organizational structure of this conference and the discipline under which this conference operates. We further recom-

mend that the board of ordination be, and is hereby instructed, to prepare suitable forms to require each minister now holding membership in this conference to evidence in writing his promise to remain loyal to, and in harmony with, the doctrines, usages, customs, practices, rules, regulations, and organizational structure of this conference and the discipline under which it operates.

2 That the board of ministerial character of this conference be, and is hereby instructed to give full and complete consideration to the observations listed above, to study carefully the present standing of all ministers whose certificates of ordination have been issued, or endorsed, by this conference and who have not transferred their membership from this conference in proper order, and to make suitable reports and recommendations relative to any such minister not now in good and regular standing with this conference.

3. That the executive committee of this conference be, and is hereby, instructed to take whatever steps necessary to endorse any recommendation made by either the board of ordination or board of ministerial character and adopted by this conference.

## II. MEMBER CHURCHES

### OBSERVATIONS

It is observed that this conference has in the past observed its established usages, customs, and practices which call for an investigation of churches reported to be in disorder or which are reported to have departed from the doctrines, usages, customs, and practices of this conference. It is further noted that it has been the usage, custom, and practice of this conference to make suitable investigation of its member churches which are experiencing serious difficulties as the result of disputes within such churches, when requested to do so by either a majority or minority of such churches. It is also further observed that by usages, customs, and practices, such investigations have historically been made by the various boards and committees of the conference and that their actions in such cases have been binding until the next annual session of the conference, at which time the board or committee reports its action to the conference for final disposition; it being recognized that the annual conference or association being the highest tribunal shall have final disciplinary authority over the local church.

It is also further noted that in addition to the above usages, customs, and practices, this conference has also specifically authorized and instructed its executive committee to make suitable investigation of any of its member churches which fail to faithfully report to the annual sessions of this conference.

It is furthermore noted that the Western Conference did, on January 10, 1962, adopt item 14 of the report of the executive committee and that said item deals with the matter of member churches which attempt to withdraw from this conference without a proper letter of dismissal and recommendation. (See item 14 of report of executive committee of the 75th annual session.)

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We recommend that a copy of item 14, adopted by this conference on January 10, 1962, be sent to The Free Will Baptist for publication.

2. We recommend that a copy of item 14, adopted by this conference on January 10, 1962, be sent to the ministers and church clerks of this conference and to others who are interested or who may request such copies.

3. We recommend that the officers and executive committee of this conference be, and are hereby, instructed to make suitable investigation and take suitable action relative to any church or churches that may now be, or may become, affected under provisions of item 14 mentioned above.

## III. FALSE, MISLEADING, AND DECEIVING REPORTS AND INFORMATION OBSERVATIONS

It is observed that during recent months many absolutely false, misleading, and deceiving reports and items of information, relative to Original Free Will Baptist institutions, organizations, programs, and individuals, including those of the Western Conference and those endorsed and supported by the Western Conference, have been circulated through the United States' mail and otherwise. We have reasons to believe that at least a part of the above constitutes criminal action and the illegal use of the United States' mail for the purpose of fraud, in that there appears to have been the willful intent to deprive the above mentioned institutions, organizations, programs, and individuals of their good name and reputation and the confidence of those to whom knowledge of the false, misleading, and deceiving reports and items of information have come. It appears to us that the above publication and circulation constitutes criminal action and illegal use of the United States' mail for the purpose of fraud in that there appears to have been present the intent to use deception, deceit, trickery, artifice, and the intentional perversion of truth and fact in efforts to induce the readers, and those to whom knowledge of such publications should come, to believe that the institutions, organizations, programs, and individuals mentioned above, are not worthy of their good name and reputation and the confidence of the public, thereby depriving said institutions, organizations, programs, and individuals of their civil and constitutional rights. Therefore we make the following recommendation:

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. We recommend that the officers and executive committee of this conference be, and are hereby, authorized and instructed to join with other organizations, institutions, programs and/or individuals which may be involved, interested, or have a mutual interest, in calling upon proper authorities to fully investigate these matters and things and if it be found that there has in fact been criminal violations, to seek such relief as the state or federal laws may provide.

2. We recommend that the officers and executive committee of this conference be, and are hereby, authorized and instructed to furnish any information and/or evidence that may be in their possession or the possession

of this conference, which would be useful in the investigation called for above.

#### IV. RECOMMENDATION THAT THIS COMMISSION BE CONTINUED

In as much as current conditions make it impossible for this commission to complete its work in full at this time, we recommend that this study commission be continued for another year and be permitted to submit any additional report at a later date.

(This Report, including all items, was adopted by a unanimous vote of the officers, ministers, and delegates present and voting at our seventy-sixth annual session held at Clayton, North Carolina, October 17, 18, 1962.)

#### REPORT OF STATE BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION

##### GREETINGS:

We are glad for the privilege to make this report to the Western Conference for the year 1961-1962.

I. We now have 14 ministers who receive regular monthly pension checks, of this number (6) are from your conference.

II. We have 19 minister's widows who receive regular quarterly pension checks, of this number (5) are from your conference.

##### III. Contributions made by the conference to superannuation:

1. Churches	\$1,158.14
2. Sunday Schools	150.93
3. Auxiliaries	97.48
4. Union Meetings	60.00
5. Individuals	130.00
6. Leagues	none

Totals	\$1,596.55
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IV. The budget for 1962-1963 is \$20,000.00, based on 50c per member of the churches of this state.

V. Please send all superannuation funds to: Walter Reynolds, Route 2, Snow Hill, North Carolina.

VI. May I say thank you for your support, and at the same time urge you to do more in the coming year for superannuation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Walter Reynolds

PREPARED STATEMENT MADE TO THE WESTERN CONFERENCE OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA, WHILE IN ANNUAL SESSION ON OCTOBER 17 and 18, 1962, BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS:

I hereby inform you, the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, that the North Carolina State Convention of



Original Free Will Baptists has declared its support of your position and actions relative to the Edgemont Church, Durham, North Carolina, as follows:

The North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, during its fiftieth annual session held recently, heard the entire report, entitled "Edgemont Church" which you adopted in Wilson, North Carolina, on January 18, 1961. After the full report had been read and explained the State Convention unanimously adopted a statement which reads in part as follows:

"Having heard a report of the action taken by the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina on January 18, 1961, relative to Edgemont Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina, and finding said action to be in complete accord with the usages, customs, and practices of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, we do hereby enter the following in our official minutes as our official position relative thereto:

"1. It is the judgment of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists that the action taken by the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina on January 18, 1961, wherein it recognized the J. G. Teasley Faction as the true congregation of Edgemont Original Free Will Baptist Church, was within the authority and jurisdiction of the Western Conference; and that the Western Conference did act within its authority, jurisdiction, forms, and rules in so recognizing the J. G. Teasley Faction as the true congregation on January 18, 1961.

"2. It is further the judgment of this State Convention that the Western Conference not only had the right to take the action it did on January 18, 1961, but that it also had a duty, in view of the findings of facts and the usages, customs, and practices of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina and the Western Conference, to take such action."

The fiftieth annual session of the North Carolina State Convention is believed to have been the largest convention of Original Free Will Baptists ever to be held in North Carolina. There were approximately 1,900 ministers, delegates, and visitors who were in attendance at one or more of the services. These represented approximately 40,000 Original Free Will Baptists from eight (8) conferences and associations.

Date: October 17, 1962

Signed: C. L. Patrick

President of the North Carolina  
State Convention of Original  
Free Will Baptists

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

*Memorial*—F. A. Rivenbark, Elijah Phillips, Mrs. Gladys Deans.

*Resolutions*—Earl H. Glenn, W. L. Poythress, Mrs. Lillie Mae Sesser.

*Temperance*—Mrs. Felton Watson, Raymond E. Jones, Harold Jones.  
*Nominating*—Paul Jenkins, Mrs. Hardy Talton, Larry Boyette, J. A. Pittman, Mrs. J. C. Forehand.

Greetings were extended to the conference by representatives from the various state bodies.

Closing Hymn: "Have Thine Own Way, Lord."

Benediction by Rev. M. L. Johnson.

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING

Services were under the direction of the Western Conference Mission Board. The offering amounted to \$65.00.

#### THURSDAY MORNING

The conference reconvened at 9:30 a.m. with devotions conducted by Rev. Wiley Ferrell. The congregation sang "Meet Me There" and "At Calvary." Prayer by Rev. F. A. Rivenbark. Scripture for our meditation was read from the 17th chapter of John, verses 18 through 26.

Rev. Joe Ingram was appointed to assist on the credentials committee.

It was moved and carried that New Hope Free Will Baptist Church near Concord, North Carolina, be received into full fellowship of this conference.

An offering was received for the Children's Home amounting to \$100.00.

### REPORT OF CHILDREN'S HOME

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE REPORT

From September 1, 1961 to August 31, 1962

Barnes Hill	\$ 107.17
Black Jack Grove	75.00
Branch Chapel	549.09
Calvary (Durham County)	40.00
Calvary (Wilson County)	185.39
Elwood Lane	281.32
Edgemont	477.41
Eastwood Chapel	83.00
Everett's Chapel	175.45
Free Union	209.20
Flood's Chapel	73.55
Fremont	180.45
Friendship	624.93
Holly Springs	196.61
Kenly	447.29
King's Chapel	70.00
Little Rock	300.34
Marsh Swamp	647.27
Milburnie	337.55

Miscellaneous	633.26
Micro	563.00
Mount Zion (Nash County)	472.01
Mount Zion (Wilson County)	50.00
New Hope	42.00
New Sandy Hill	105.14
Oak Grove (Durham County)	15.81
Oak Grove (Wilson County)	29.26
Pleasant Plain	338.70
Pine Level	781.03
Piney Grove	376.29
Pleasant Hill	94.05
Pleasant Grove	780.79
People's Chapel	146.41
Rain's Cross Roads	494.50
Rose Bud	63.35
Rock Spring	154.93
Sherron Acres	280.73
Shady Grove	174.50
Saints Delight	80.00
Stancil's Chapel	347.30
Selma	150.00
Stony Hill	75.56
Stoney Creek	333.13
Spring Hill	205.78
Saint Mary's	320.82
Union Grove (Wayne County)	370.98
White Oak Hill	676.25
Watson's Grove	30.00
Wilson	791.61
Total	\$14,063.21
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M. L. Johnson, Superintendent

## WESTERN CONFERENCE BOARD OF ORDINATION

MEETING AT EVERETT'S CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH,

October 17, 1962

Board members present: Rev. Boyd Shook, Rev. Willie Renfrow, Rev. Albert T. Coates, Rev. W. O. Lassiter, proxy for Rev. L. B. Woodall, and Rev. J. C. Yates, proxy for Rev. Wiley Ferrell.

The board examined Brother Billy Ray Jordan as to his calling into the ministry and his qualifications as to his readiness for examination for ordination.

Motion made by Brother W. O. Lassiter that we allow Brother Billy Ray Jordan to take the examination for ordination. Motion seconded and passed.

Motion by Brother Albert Coates that we approve the planned course, "Paul Palmer Institute for Christian Workers," as offered by Mount Olive Junior College and that we pledge our full support.

Motion that all ministers ordained by this council be given the Thompson Chain Reference Bible, \$11.35 wholesale.

## REPORT OF THE WESTERN CONFERENCE BOARD OF ORDINATION

October 18, 1962

The Western Conference Board of Ordination reports as follows:

During the past year we have held three meetings. As a result of these meetings we beg to make the following recommendations:

1. That Brother Harold Jones and Brother Jimmy Hodges be received into our fellowship as ordained ministers, and their names be added to the roll of ordained ministers. These brethren were ordained during the year because they had been called to pastor churches.

2. That Brother Joe Johnson and Brother Billy Ray Jordan be ordained at the 11:00 o'clock service, October 18, 1962, since they have both satisfactorily passed the examination for ordination.

3. That the name of Brother Allen Campbell be added to the list of licentiates. Brother Campbell is a member of Everette Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church.

4. That the name of Brother Jesse Bone be stricken from our roll of ordained ministers as he has joined another denomination. Brother Bone has voluntarily surrendered his credentials.

5. That the name of Brother R. L. Moore be dropped from the roll of ordained ministers as he has joined another denomination. Brother Moore has voluntarily surrendered his credentials.

6. That the name of Brother Vernon C. Lamm be dropped from our roll of ordained ministers as he has voluntarily surrendered his credentials with a request that his name be dropped.

7. We recommend that Brother Raymond Earl Jones be received as a member of our conference, subject to a letter from the Central Conference at which time his name shall be added to the roll of ordained ministers. Letter received.

8. We recommend that the Western Conference approve the Paul Palmer Institute for Christian Workers as offered by Mount Olive Junior College and that we pledge our full support.

9. We, the Ordaining Council of the Western Conference, request that the questions and answers to and by the candidate for ordination be made a part of the official ordination service and that all candidates be required to answer and sign same.

10. W. O. Lassiter be granted a letter in good standing to Cape Fear Conference.

The following ministers were ordained by the board of ordination: Joe Johnson and Billy Ray Jordan.

Singing "Higher Ground" by the congregation. Scripture reading, prayer and charge by Rev. Boyd Shook. Prayer of Ordination by Rev. W. E. Renfrow. Presentation of the Bible by Rev. Joseph C. Yates and presentation of certificates of ordination by Rev. W. O. Lassiter. A hand of fellowship was extended to these ordained ministers and recently licensed ministers while the congregation sang "Blest Be the Tie."

It was moved and carried that the clerk write *The Free Will Baptist* that Joe Johnson and Billy Ray Jordan were ordained and received as ministers into fellowship with the Western Conference and recommend them for service anywhere.

Benediction by Rev. W. A. Hales.

## LUNCH

Rev. L. S. Joyner led the afternoon devotions. The congregation sang, "Have Faith in God," and Scripture reading from Psalm 100.

Brother J. M. Mitchell asked the conference to relieve him as treasurer of the conference and his resignation was accepted with regrets, due to his physical inability to serve.

## REPORT OF MISSION BOARD

Your mission board wishes to thank each one of you for your prayers and your support.

Because of the limited funds this year, the board has been unable to do the work which needed to be done.

Therefore, your mission board would like to make the following recommendations:

1. That we pray for missions in general.
2. That we pray for missions within the bounds of the Western Conference.
3. That each church give fifty cents per member to be used within the bounds of the Western Conference or sections that might come within the bounds of the Western Conference.

## TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE MISSION BOARD OF THE WESTERN CONFERENCE FOR THE YEAR OF 1961 AND 62

Amount of Cash on Hand at the Setting of the Last Conference	\$310.08
Cash Receipts for the Year	73.06
Paid Out for Missions	\$88.06
Paid Out for Traveling Expenses, Postage, Envelopes, Telephone Calls	11.30

Total Paid Out

\$99.36

Balance on Hand as of October 15, 1962

\$282.78

H. M. Minchew, Mission Treasurer

### REPORT OF MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The passing of our friends and God's servants bring forth regret and rejoicing: regret because they are gone from our ranks; rejoicing because of their comradeship and ministry with us. We rejoice too, because of their hope in God of reaching the eternal city whose builder and maker is God.

Our heartfelt prayers and sympathy are extended to the families of the deceased.

Shall we who are left to carry on until our race is run make the best use of every minute.

May we stand in a minute of silent prayer and submissive wills to the will of God who doeth all things well.

Committee:

Mrs. Gladys Deans

Elijah Phillips

Fred A. Rivenbark

Hymn by the congregation, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord."

Report of nominating committee: (See officers and boards elected.)

### REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Realizing the vast influence and the dangers of capturing the minds of our youth and further realizing that the purchase of intoxicating beverages tends to lead to depriving families of necessities of life and also leads to the division of families, we, the temperance committee, do hereby make the following resolutions:

1. To recommend that all Free Will Baptists abstain from the use of intoxicating beverages and sanction a referendum in the state of North Carolina whereby we can all work together and vote our convictions, for in realizing the deadly poisonous effects on our youth and the general public which causes man's human sufferings.

2. To teach our youth that in the subtlety of Satan, the promises made by advertisements, comments, and testimonies for such beverage is fake and misleading.

3. We further recommend that all Free Will Baptists follow the biblical teaching from Titus 1:8. "But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate," in all things for the building of finer characters and personalities for our ministry among the laxity of our denomination.

Raymond E. Jones, Chairman

Mrs. Felton Watson

Harold Jones

## REPORT OF BOARD OF MINISTERIAL CHARACTER

We recommend that the following men be excommunicated from this conference and their credentials be demanded: Q. G. Worrell, Ralph Clegg, Conrad Williford, Bobby Jackson, James E. Raper, Daniel J. Merkh, Bernard Duke, Herbert Waid, Lonnie Graves, Donald R. Pegram, Eddie Corn, Paul Lee, Charles Bryant, George Lee, Billy Morris, J. V. Johnson, Ronnie Peale, Jacob Moses Creech (licentiate), Wilton Morris, Bobby K. Carden, Charles Hales, George H. Branning, C. R. Etheridge, R. L. Moore (credentials surrendered), Jesse V. Bone (credentials surrendered), and C. Vernon Lamm (credentials surrendered).

The ministerial character board heartily endorses the report of the study commission and recommends that the board of ordination of the executive committee be authorized to take whatever steps are necessary, legal or otherwise, to repossess the credentials of those who refuse to surrender them.

W. E. Renfrow  
L. H. Boykin  
C. S. Hinnant  
F. A. Rivenbark  
Earl H. Glenn

It was moved and carried that the executive committee publish in *The Free Will Baptist* an informative article concerning the ministers excommunicated from the conference.

A motion was made and carried to accept the invitation from Sherron Acres Church, Durham County, to convene the 1963 session of the Western Conference.

The treasurer's report was not available and the same be referred to the executive committee for their adoption.

## REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, the resolution committee, submit the following resolution:

1. Be it resolved, that we give to Everett Chapel Church and pastor a rising vote of thanks for the splendid hospitality shown during this 76th annual session of the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptist of North Carolina.

Earl H. Glenn  
W. L. Poythress  
Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser

Moved and carried, we recommend that each church defray the expenses of their delegates and pastor in attendance to the conference.

## RESOLUTION

*Resolved:* That this, the seventy-sixth annual session of the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, publicly declares on this the 18th day of October, 1962, that it has never been the intention of this conference to be bound or governed by the form of church

government as set forth in the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, nor have we ever understood that this conference was bound by the said form of church government, which is in fact the form of church government as developed and established by the Free, or Freewill, Baptists of the north (Randall Movement). It has always been the intention of this conference to abide by, be governed and bound by, and to practice the form of church government as developed and established by the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina (Palmer Movement). It has in fact been the understanding of this conference, during the entire time of our affiliation with the National Association of Free Will Baptists, that the spirit and stated principles upon which the National Association was formed, and subsequently upon the Provision and Claim on page 39 of the National Treatise, this conference, as well as other state and district organizations, has been and is still free to continue to operate under our own established usages, customs, and practices. Therefore, this conference has at all times considered and understood that it was bound and governed, and we do still consider, understand, and intend to be bound and governed, by and remain loyal to the doctrines, usages, customs, practices, rules, and regulations of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina in general and the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists in particular.

(This resolution adopted by unanimous vote of the Western Conference on October 18, 1962, with the largest number of delegates and ministers ever to be registered in an annual session of the Western Conference.)

It was moved and carried that the officers of this conference be permitted to release for publication any item of business of this conference they so desire.

Moved and carried that the executive committee be privileged to call this conference in reconvened session at their discretion.

It was moved and carried that we give the moderator a vote of confidence for the legal work done for the conference.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn and conference. Closed by F. A. Rivenbark.

Closing hymn, "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms."

Benediction by Rev. R. N. Hinnant.

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



