

MINUTES
of the
WESTERN CONFERENCE
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
of
NORTH CAROLINA

For the Years
1963 - 1964 - 1965

MINUTES
OF THE
Seventy-Seventh Annual Session
OF THE
WESTERN CONFERENCE
OF THE
Original Free Will Baptists
OF
North Carolina

HELD WITH
SHERRON ACRES CHURCH
October 16, 17, 1963

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1963-1964

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

Everette Bryan, Selma, N. C.
N. D. Wiggs, Route 1, Kenly, N. C.
Frank R. Harrison, Lucama, 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.
Wayne West
Lester Duncan, Wilson, N. C.

CHURCHES, COUNTIES, AND PASTORS FOR 1963-1964

CABARRUS COUNTY

Elwood Lane—H. Paul Jenkins
New Hope—Jimmy Hodges

DURHAM COUNTY

Edgemont—R. E. Jones
Northern—Billy R. Jordan
Sherron Acres—Fred Rivenbark

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—Minot Godwin
Pine Level—
Piney Grove—Leonard Woodall
Pleasant Plain—N. D. Wiggs
Rains' Cross Roads—N. D. Wiggs
Selma—Everette Bryan
Stancil's Chapel—W. E. Renfrow

NASH COUNTY

Barnes Hill—
Flood's Chapel—Charles Morgan
Free Union—James Joyner
Memorial Chapel—C. H. Overman
Mt. Zion—R. H. Hinnant
Rock Springs—R. N. Hinnant
Stony Hill—Leonard B. Woodall
Union Chapel—

WAYNE COUNTY

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

WILSON COUNTY

Calvary—Bruce Dudley
Little Rock—Frank R. Harrison
Marsh Swamp—R. H. Jackson
Milbournie—Dewey Boling
Mt. Zion—Royster Martin
New Sandy Hill—Charles Morgan
People's Chapel—R. N. Hinnant (Pastor pro tem)
Rose Bud—Harold Jones
St. Mary's—J. C. Yates
Watson Grove—Jimmie L. Barfield
Wilson—C. F. Bowen

FIRST UNION MEETING—R. H. Jackson, Moderator

SECOND UNION MEETING—Harold Jones, Moderator

CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES

CABARRUS COUNTY

Elwood Lane—Mrs. Carl Lambert, 530 Anney Avenue, Kannapolis,
N. C.
New Hope—Mrs. Ann Telensil, 236 Krimminger Road, Concord,
N. C.

DURHAM COUNTY

Edgemont—James R. McGhee, 2716 Rochelle Street, Durham, N. C.
Northern—Mrs. Hazel Johnson, Route 2, Box 219-C, Barclay Road,
Durham, N. C.
Sherron Acres—W. L. Bennett, Box 123, East Durham Station,
Durham, N. C.

JOHNSTON COUNTY

Branch Chapel—Eugene Price, 208 W. Elizabeth Street, Selma, N. C.
Everett Chapel—Hardin G. Blackman, 502 E. Andrew Street, Clayton,
N. C.
Friendship—Mrs. J. Ralph Strickland, Route 1, Middlesex, N. C.
Holly Springs—C. Marvin 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, Box 126, Pine Level, N. C.

Piney Grove—Luther G. Pope, Box 115, Kenly, N. C.
Pleasant Plain—L. S. 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 284-A, 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, Box 13, Middlesex,
N. C.
Mt. Zion—L. W. Matthews, Route 2, Nashville, N. C.
Rock Springs—Mrs. Oscar Whitley Jr., 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 Murphy Street, Goldsboro,
N. C.
Fremont—Walter V. Bass, Box 224, Fremont, N. C.
Pleasant Grove—Irwin Rowe, Route 2, Box 14, Pikeville, N. C.
Pleasant Hill—Mrs. Marjorie Snipes, Route 2, Princeton, 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, Lucama, N. C.
Marsh Swamp—Mrs. Blanche B. Loftin, Route 1, Sims, N. C.
Milbournie—Miss Kathryn Lamin, 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 Grove—Aileen D. Barfield, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.
Wilson—Mrs. Sara L. Bogue, 1101 S. Tarboro Street, Wilson, N. C.

FIRST UNION MEETING—C. S. Hinnant, Route 2, Pikeville, N. C.

SECOND UNION MEETING—Charles Morgan, Route 1, Bailey, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

The seventy-seventh annual session of the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with Sherron Acres Church, Durham, North Carolina, October 16, 17, 1963.

The conference opened by singing "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms," "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder," and "Jesus Paid It All," led by Rev. R. N. Hinnant, music director for the conference. Mrs. R. N. Hinnant was at the piano and Mrs. Gilbert Parrish at the organ.

Rev. Bruce Dudley conducted the morning devotions, reading Psalm 61.

Misses Shelby Jones and Doris Fay Rackley sang a duet entitled "In Jesus."

Rev. F. A. Rivenbark, pastor of the local church, extended a very hearty welcome to all; followed with response by Rev. W. L. Poythress.

ROLL CALL OF MINISTERS

Ministers present first day: R. N. Hinnant, L. H. Boykin, Romie Mitchell, D. C. Boling, L. S. Joyner, Paul Jenkins, Wiley Ferrell, W. E. Renfrow, M. L. Johnson, W. L. Poythress, H. M. Minchew, J. C. Yates, G. Herman Griffin, Luby C. Tyner, Boyd L. Shook, Albert T. Coates, Earl Glenn, Robert L. Rollins, Edmund Gonzalez, R. H. Jackson, Cedric D. Pierce Jr., Billy R. Yawn, G. C. Joyner, Melvin K. Everington, Joseph H. Ingram, Earl Minchew, Charles Morgan, Raymond E. Jones, Horace Medlin, Fred A. Rivenbark, Jimmy A. Hodges, Billy Ray Jordan, and Allen Campbell. Jasper Edwards sent a message.

Ministers present second day: R. N. Hinnant, L. H. Boykin, D. C. Boling, L. S. Joyner, Paul Jenkins, W. E. Renfrow, M. L. Johnson, W. L. Poythress, H. M. Minchew, Felton Johnson, J. C. Yates, G. Herman Griffin, Boyd L. Shook, Albert T. Coates, John C. Walker, Earl Glenn, R. H. Jackson, Cedric D. Pierce Jr., G. C. Joyner, Joseph H. Ingram, Earl Minchew, Jimmie Barfield, Raymond E. Jones, James Joyner, Fred A. Rivenbark, Jimmy A. Hodges, Billy Ray Jordan, and Allen Campbell.

ROLL CALL OF CHURCHES

(See Statistical Table)

VISITING MINISTERS

Cape Fear Conference—R. W. Allman, C. F. Bowen, and J. W. Everton.

Central Conference—Frank Harrison, C. L. Patrick, Walter Reynolds, N. B. Barrow, E. C. Morris, and W. B. Raper.

Eastern Conference—J. R. Davenport, N. D. Wiggs, C. B. Hansley, Bruce Dudley, Everett Bryan, D. W. Hansley, and J. C. Griffin.

Central Texas Association—James A. Evans.

Singing by the congregation, "Meet Me There."

Moderators message by Rev. M. L. Johnson. He called our attention to our blessings and opportunities that come to us as Free Will Baptists.

Duet, "Be Thou Near," by the Misses Jones and Rockley.

Greetings from the North Carolina State Convention by Rev. C. L. Patrick, president of the convention.

Report of Children's Home as follows:

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

WESTERN CONFERENCE RECEIPTS

September 1, 1962 to August 31, 1963

<i>Church</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Barnes Hill	\$ 138.04
Black Jack Grove	56.65
Branch Chapel	502.08
Calvary (Wilson County)	431.19
Edgemont	465.62
Elwood Lane	155.66
Everett Chapel	233.19
Flood's Chapel	105.17
Free Union	323.00
Fremont Chapel	117.92
Friendship	855.31
Holly Springs	145.00
Kenly	288.68
Little Rock	227.27
Marsh Swamp	748.44
Micro	4,530.42
Milburnie	299.75
Mount Zion (Nash County)	478.70
Mount Zion (Wilson County)	101.86
Miscellaneous	607.84
New Hope	110.00
New Sandy Hill	164.07
Northern	15.00
People's Chapel	274.07
Pine Level	740.85
Piney Grove	580.53
Pleasant Grove	907.61
Pleasant Hill	101.51
Pleasant Plains	422.80
Rains' Cross Roads	435.00
Rock Springs	100.20
Rose Bud	60.51
Selma	130.00

Sherron Acres	368.00
Shady Grove	131.30
Spring Hill	50.00
Saint Mary's	370.12
Stancil's Chapel	312.20
Stoney Creek	523.62
Stony Hill	30.25
Union Chapel	50.00
Union Grove	233.50
Watson's Grove	30.00
White Oak Hill	138.58
Wilson	764.49

Total Receipts	\$17,856.00
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Respectfully submitted,
M. L. Johnson, *Superintendent*

An offering was received for the Children's Home, amounting to \$69.49, while the organ and piano played "Christ Is King." Offertory prayer by Rev. J. C. Griffin.

The congregation sang "He Lives."

The introductory message was delivered by Rev. J. W. Everton, using as a basis for his message 2 Timothy 1:1-6; his text Verse 6. Prayer by Rev. Everton. He pled for an arousing among our people.

Benediction and blessing for the food by Rev. R. W. Allman.

L U N C H

The afternoon session was opened by singing "Saved by the Blood" and "In the Service of the King."

Duet, "At Eventide," by the Misses Jones and Rackely.

Prayer by Rev. C. F. Bowen.

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

(Adopted)

October 16, 1963

FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Ministers Present	31
Delegates Present	72
Visiting Ministers	15
Total with Voting Privileges	103

We recommend that those who have registered with the credentials committee and hold voting cards be seated in this conference with full voting privileges.

Mount Olive College Offering	\$	62.26
Children's Home		75.99

Money Sent to Conference	493.00
Pastor's Salary	86,493.18
Missions	4,455.29
Children's Home	11,339.93
Education	10,561.57
Other Purposes	157,484.04

Total Raised for the Year	\$ 278,916.42
Total Value of Church Property	1,529,300.00

Grand Total	\$1,808,216.42
Number Members Enrolled	6,959
Number Baptized	252
Average Sunday School Attendance	5,126
Number Members Died	81
Numbers Member of Woman's Auxiliaries	902
Number of Delegates Present	82
Number of Ministers Present	34
Visiting Ministers	19

Respectfully submitted by your committee,

Cedric D. Pierce Jr., *Chairman*

C. S. Hinnant

Raymond Jones

Jimmy A. Hodges

REPORT OF THE WESTERN CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, OCTOBER 16, 1963

Since our last report, made to the seventy-sixth annual session of this conference on October 17, 1962, we have endeavored to attend to the business of this conference in keeping with our customs and practices and the expressed duties as set forth in Article 4, Section 1, of our Constitution. Most of our activities have been related to items already approved by this conference in regular session, the proper transfer of the funds held by the former treasurer who died before being able to transfer his records and account to the new treasurer, and the matters and things pertaining to the Edgemont Church and Ronald Creech dispute and the resulting lawsuits. We report the following for the information and approval of this the seventy-seventh annual session of this the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina:

1. NEW TREASURER QUALIFIED

At the last session of our conference it was reported that our treasurer, Brother J. M. Mitchell, was seriously ill and had expressed his need and desire to resign his position. His resignation was accepted with regrets, and Brother Luther E. Bissette was elected to fill the unexpired term. Brother Mitchell died before being able to transfer his records and the general account of the conference to Brother Bissette. It was necessary

for this executive committee to authorize the proper transfer. This was attended to and the transfer has been completed.

2. EDMONTON CHURCH DISPUTE AND LAWSUIT

In our last report we reported that a trial had been held in Durham County Superior Court in the matter of the case by the Western Conference and the congregation recognized by this conference versus the James A. Miles Faction and that, while the first part of the verdict of the jury was favorable to our customs, practices, and position, the second and third answers of the jury were not favorable and that the same had been appealed to the State Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court announced its opinion on March 6, 1963, in which it affirmed the verdict of the jury on the first part of the same but ordered a "partial new trial" on the second and third issues.

The "partial new trial" in this matter (Case No. 4738) was held at the August 5, 1963, term of Superior Court in Durham County. A jury was selected and the plaintiffs (Western Conference and the congregation recognized by it) presented their evidence at the close of which the defendants (Miles et al) made a motion for nonsuit for which they earnestly contended by arguing that the evidence did not establish the fact that here were actually two factions as alleged in the original complaint. The court denied the motion for nonsuit at the time it was first made.

The defendants presented their evidence and the plaintiffs were allowed fifteen (15) minutes for rebuttal. The attorneys for both plaintiffs and defendants argued their case before the jury. The court then charged the jury in which charge the jury was encouraged to weigh all evidence and reach a verdict.

After the jury had deliberated approximately two and one-half (2½) hours, the presiding judge called the jury back into the courtroom and upon learning that the jury had not reached a verdict withdrew the case from the jury and granted the defendants' motion for nonsuit which had earlier been denied.

Upon the advice of our attorneys, and other attorneys not employed by us, since the jury vote at the time the case was taken from the jury was ten (10) to two (2) in our favor and in our efforts to do everything possible to prevent the issues involved in this long struggle from being left clouded, we have joined in an appeal of this matter to the State Supreme Court. This appeal is scheduled to be heard by the Supreme Court the later part of November.

This appeal, as well as all action in this matter, was made and taken on behalf of the Western Conference, by the officers and executive committee, by authority of our customs and practices and the printed duties as set forth in Article 4, Section 1, of our Constitution. We recommend that this action be approved by this, the seventy-seven annual session of this conference.

3. RESTRAINING ORDERS AGAINST RONALD CREECH

Also, in our last report to this conference we reported that at the conclusion of the trial held in March of 1962, the presiding Judge did modify and then vacate the temporary restraining order in the case of the Western Conference versus Ronald Creech (Case No. 4738) and that this matter had been appealed to the State Supreme Court. In the opinion announced by the Supreme Court on March 6, 1963, the Supreme Court did reverse the action of the lower court. This case has not been tried on its merits and is still pending. Therefore, Ronald Creech is still restrained from holding himself out as an Original Free Will Baptist minister by reason of his membership in or endorsement by the Western Conference. (The Supreme Court also reversed the lower court in the matter of Teasley et al versus Ronald Creech. This case No. 4736 has not been tried on its merits and is still pending.)

The action mentioned above relative to Case No. 4737 was taken on behalf of the Western Conference, by the officers and executive committee, by authority of our customs and practices and the printed duties as set forth in Article 4, Section 1, of our Constitution. We recommend that this action be approved by this, the seventy-seven annual session of this conference.

4. \$400,000 LIBEL SUIT BY RONALD CREECH

The \$400,000 libel suit brought by Ronald Creech against the Executive Committee and Board of Ordination of the Western Conference and which papers were served on the members of this committee and board on October 12, 1960, is still pending. Ronald Creech and his attorney have attempted several times during the past year to bring this matter up for trial, but so far it has been continued. It is expected that another attempt will be made to schedule this for trial during November; however, we do not know at this time just when it will be tried.

The actions taken relative to Ronald Creech have been ratified by this conference as being in fact the actions of the conference. We recommend that, in order that the record may be absolutely clear, the said actions be and are hereby further ratified and declared to be the actions of this conference by reason of said ratifications which are a part of our official minutes.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF LOAN AUTHORIZED

Because of the very great financial cost involved in the above mentioned litigations and to relieve some of the immediate pressure upon the officials of this conference, this executive committee did, while in session on July 5, 1963, vote to authorize the acceptance of a loan in an amount of up to \$4,500 which was available to us. This loan would be repayable at the rate of \$1,000 per year with interest at 2% per annum on the unpaid balance. The moderator, clerk and treasurer were authorized to sign

a promissory note for this loan for this conference as the duly elected officers of this conference.

This loan has not been obtained and it is hoped that it will not be necessary. However, the loan is still available to this conference. In view of the pending appeal to the Supreme Court and the possibility of further court action which could make this loan necessary, we feel that this authorization should remain effective and have the approval of this conference for the benefit of the incoming officers and executive committee.

This authorization was made by authority of Article 4, Section 1, of our Constitution, and pursuant to action taken by the Western Conference wherein said conference has repeatedly authorized the officers and executive committee to proceed in the matters of the Edgemont Church and Ronald Creech litigations as to them seems advisable. We recommend that this action be approved by this, the seventy-seven annual session of this conference.

6. OBSERVATIONS

While we deeply regret the circumstances that have caused the recent struggles within our conference and other conferences, and while we deplore the unbecoming tactics used by some who hold themselves out as Original Free Will Baptists; we sincerely feel that the stand taken by our conference has been necessary and that our procedure has been in keeping with the customs, practices, and usages of Original Free Will Baptists and our printed *Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina*. We furthermore feel that the future preservation of our conference and our denomination challenges us to be ever faithful and to be ever alert to cherish and protect our heritage. We feel that, even though the experiences of the past three years have been very expensive in terms of money, time, energy, and mental anguish to some, the gains made and the lessons learned are well worth the price, provided we profit from them as we should. In view of the above we feel that we should continue to do our very best by standing fast to our position and proceed in every way possible to bring the issues before us to as complete and final settlement as possible.

We hope all who are a part of this Western Conference share the above feeling and are willing to be guided accordingly. We recommend that this item of observation be adopted by vote of this, the seventy-seven annual session of this conference.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

In view of the pending appeal to the State Supreme Court and other pending and possible litigations, and in view of the possibility of the actions of our officers and executive committee being challenged in court or otherwise, we recommend the following:

1. That although we consider the authority clearly provided in Article 4, Section 1, of our Constitution, we do hereby further expressly authorize

our incoming officers and executive committee to take whatever actions, legal or ecclesiastical, that they deem necessary relative to any of the litigations and/or controversies now pending.

2. That although the authority is already accepted by this conference, we do hereby further expressly authorize our incoming officers and executive committee to reconvene this conference, at the time and place deemed needful, if events and circumstances satisfy said officers and executive committee that this conference should be reconvened.

By the executive committee,

M. L. Johnson, *Chairman*
Earl H. Glenn
R. N. Hinnant

REPORT OF STUDY COMMISSION

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, regulation, and organizational structure of this conference, we make the following observations and recommendations:

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 of 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 attendance of the annual sessions of the conference and that the failure of a minister to attend two consecutive 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 disciples 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 Orginial 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 Conference; 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 solmen 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 become a member of

LEGATES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Churches	County	Yearly Meeting	Regular Meetings	Raised for Missions	Raised for Children's Home	Raised for Education	Other Purpose	Paid Pastor	Total Funds Raised	Auxiliary	Church Property	Conference	Delegates
Elwood Lane	Cabarrus	August	Full Time	\$280	\$130	\$403	\$6,020	\$4,240	\$11,075	\$0	\$70,000	\$10.00	Mrs. Paul Jenkins
New Hope	Cabarrus	August	Full Time	100	110	75	1,773	1,440	3,508	24	13,000	10.00	Marjorie Hodges
Edgemont	Durham	October	Full Time	118	454	60	4,405	4,200	9,238	20	10,000	10.00	Grace Jones, Dora Joyner
Northern	Durham	January	Full Time					495	493	15	40,000	5.00	T. R. Register, C. R. Hicks, Mrs. C. E. Ladd
Sherron Acres	Durham	October	Full Time	184	357	154	5,985	5,300	16,377	20	140,000	10.00	Ishmael Pittman and Wife, Herman Phillips
Branch Chapel	Johnston	August	Second-Fourth	82	347	20	1,358	1,375	5,739	20	20,000	15.00	Mrs. Virginia Yawn, Mrs. Josephine Blackman, Mrs. Mary Petit
Eve:ett Chapel	Johnston	August	Full Time	22	191	200	5,500	3,930	10,844	23	87,000	5.00	Mrs. Carl Bagley, Mrs. J. E. Creech
Friendship	Johnston	August	Second-Third	29	882	562	2,930	2,100	6,403	26	27,000	10.00	Paul Hocutt, Simon Allen
Holly Springs	Johnston	October	First-Third	100	150	85	450	1,500	4,880	23	34,500	25.00	R. L. Radford and Wife
Kenly	Johnston	August	Full Time	101	416	197	3,687	3,592	7,793	28	50,000	20.00	Mrs. Felton Watson, Mrs. John Rowe, Mrs. H. G. Watson
Micro	Johnston	August	Second-Fourth	100	300	425	931	1,800	3,556	21	68,000	10.00	Mrs. Carl Bagley, Mrs. J. E. Creech
Pine Level	Johnston	August	Full Time	240	480	786	3,601	4,000	9,107	20	30,000	10.00	Fred H. Davis, Noble Peedin
Piney Grove	Johnston	October	Second-Fourth	119	430	100	1,418	1,300	3,363	18	34,000	10.00	Jimmie Brown and Wife, Gladys Pierce
Pleasant Plain	Johnston	September	Second-Fourth	150	285	99	1,083	2,100	4,390	23	35,000	10.00	Artis Brown and Wife
Rains' Cross Roads	Johnston	August	First-Third	200	325	496	1,793	1,950	4,764	20	40,000	15.00	Lesly Holt and Wife
Selma	Johnston	Full Time		34	130	145	4,577	4,000	8,886	23	15,000	5.00	Mrs. Christine Bryan, Mrs. Daisy Creech
Stancil's Chapel	Johnston	August	First-Third	97	372	139	1,618	1,200	3,427	20	7,000	8.00	Paul Batten and Wife
Barnes Hill	Nash	February	Second-Fourth	4	127	4	206	1,105	1,520	14	20,000	10.00	C. J. Barnes
Flood's Chapel	Nash	October	Second-Fourth	44	98	61	1,743	600	2,546	13	20,000	10.00	Horace Mixon
Free Union	Nash	September	Second-Fourth	100	200	168	548	1,550	2,566	22	10,000	10.00	Shelby Jones, Doris Fay Rackley
Memorial Chapel	Nash	First-Third		25	32	136	193						Oscar Whitley Jr. and Wife
Mt. Zion	Nash	September	Second-Fourth	83	434	320	2,613	1,200	4,652	25	25,000	5.00	Miss Ejay Strickland
Rock Springs	Nash	September	First-Third	6	87	95	970	1,130	2,290	12	10,000	15.00	Nelson Kamegay
Stony Hill	Nash	July	First-Third	66	249	2,614	840		3,769	15	15,000	40.00	Chesbro Fields, Ernest Bisette
Union Chapel	Nash												David B. Bunn and Wife
Black Jack Grove	Wayne	July	First-Third	2	56	50	746	545	3,280	18	7,500	10.00	Herbert Pate and Wife, Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser
Pleasant Grove	Wayne	August	First-Third	145	941	785	4,249	1,440	7,561	41	75,000	10.00	Mrs. Mark Taylor
Pleasant Hill	Wayne	August	First-Third	79	108	384	1,507	995	3,074	18	30,000	5.00	Gray Boswell, Milton Barnes, Roy Godwin
Stoney Creek	Wayne	October	Full Time	471	473	562	10,557	3,385	14,887	53	40,000	10.00	Hugh Boyette and Wife, Mrs. Gladys Fulghum, Mrs. Hoyt Nichols
Union Grove	Wayne	September	Second-Fourth	144	278	339	1,164	1,500	3,426	34	35,000	15.00	Frank Galloway, Bobby Lamm
Calvary	Wilson	October	Full Time	201	420	242	13,570	3,165	17,599	20	30,000	5.00	Ressie Johnson and Wife
Little Rock	Wilson	September	Full Time	100	277	799	4,198	2,005	7,380	29	70,000	15.00	Norman Vaughn and Wife
Marsh Swamp	Wilson	September	Full Time	181	653	791	4,919	4,190	10,735	30	58,000	15.00	Hubert and Ruby Narron, Annie Mae Pittman
Milbourne	Wilson	August	Full Time	127	120	4,609	3,600	8,457	30	48,000	10.00	Letter	
Mt. Zion	Wilson	August	Second-Fourth	20	50	900	1,800	3,200	18	10,000	15.00	Leslie Hawley and Wife, Henry Mitchell, Mrs. C. F. Bowen	
New Sandy Hill	Wilson	April	First-Third	5	232	53	2,930	1,200	4,421	17	5,000	5.00	L. A. Boyette and Wife, Mrs. R. H. Weaver, Mrs. D. W. Hansley, Mrs. W. L. Foythress
People's Chapel	Wilson	September	First-Third	60	301	126	2,416	1,150	4,051	16	17,500	10.00	Mrs. Dewey Boling, J. H. Lamm, Ervin Cannon
Rose Bud	Wilson	August	Full Time	9	65	107	2,764	1,170	4,115	16	7,000	7.50	
St. Mary's	Wilson	September	Full Time	249	369	407	2,496	4,000	7,522	18	75,000	5.00	
Watson Grove	Wilson	First			30		205	0	235		800	5.00	
Wilson	Wilson	September	Full Time	383	376	300	39,771	5,200	46,031	475	158,000	10.00	
First Union Meeting				80	200	500	555		1,335			20.00	

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 recommend 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 enforce any recommendation made by either the board of ordination or board of ministerial character and adopted by this conference.

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 the 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.

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 expecting 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 or dismissal and recommendation.

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 action relative to any church or churches that may now be or may become affected under provisions of Item 14 mentioned above.

RECOMMENDATION THAT THIS COMMISSION BE CONTINUED

Inasmuch 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 an additional report at a later date.

Moved and carried that the above report be adopted and fully complied with by the conference.

REPORT OF BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION

We are glad for the privilege to make this report to the Western Conference for the year 1962-1963:

1. We have 12 ministers who receive regular pension checks; of this number seven (7) are from the Western Conference.

2. We have 20 ministers' widows who receive regular quarterly pension checks; four (4) are from the Western Conference.

3. Contributions made by the conference to superannuation:

(1) Churches	\$1,518.47
(2) Auxiliaries	29.00
(3) Sundays School	178.06
(4) Individuals	1,461.79
(5) Unions	37.50
Total	<hr/> \$3,224.82

4. The budget for 1963-1964 is \$20,000, based on 75c per member of the churches of this state.

5. October is Superannuation Month. Please send all superannuation funds to: Walter Reynolds, Route 5, Dunn, North Carolina 28334.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Reynolds, *Chairman-Treasurer*

REPORT OF N. C. STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION

The League work in North Carolina is more than three decades old, during which time it has made numerous valuable contributions to the program of our denomination. Past progress was made possible by your support! However, we must not let past progress deceive us into thinking that there is no need for the future. Here are some reminders from the past.

During—

1958-1959 our receipts were	\$2,200.85
1959-1960 our receipts were	2,112.06
1960-1961 our receipts were	1,402.29
1961-1962 our receipts were	286.21
1962-1963 our receipts were	355.05

There is a reason for this drop. For instance, in 1959-1960 there were eight churches whose leagues were participating in the ten percent program. Now you may say the departure of churches from the convention is the cause, but our treasurer's records show that only one of those eight churches departed from the "Faith"; the others simply have neglected to continue their support.

It seems that we have forgotten that for long years, it was the custom of the leagues to send ten percent of their quarterly offerings to the State League Convention for use in the work of our leagues. The time is long overdue that we reassume this responsibility; therefore, your State League Convention *urges* each league to send just ten percent of your offering for this purpose. This should be sent at the end of each quarter to the Reverend Norman Ard, treasurer, Route 1, Box 149, Ayden, North Carolina.

These funds will not be squandered, but will be used to build better leagues, to begin new leagues, and as in the past, to support all the enterprises of the State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Memorial—Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser, Mrs. James B. Hunt and C. F. Bowen.

Resolutions—R. H. Jackson, Frank Ray Harrison, and Fred A. Rivenbark.

Temperance—Jimmy Hodges, N. D. Wiggs, and Billy Ray Jordan.

Nominating—Paul Jenkins, W. L. Poythress, L. S. Joyner, Gray Boswell, and L. A. Boyette.

It was moved and carried that the conference approve the action of the representative of the Free Will Baptist Press to change to a membership corporation.

Rev. N. B. Barrow gave an oral report of the Press.

"When We All Get to Heaven" was sung by the congregation and benediction by Rev. E. C. Morris.

THURSDAY MORNING

The morning session opened by singing "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart." Rev. Frank Ray Harrison, who conducted the devotions, read Ephesians 2:10; followed with prayer by Rev. N. D. Wiggs.

Duet, "Fling Wide the Gates," by the Misses Jones and Rackley.

Final roll call of ministers.

Final roll call of churches.

The minutes of the previous day were read. A motion was made and carried that they be adopted.

A report of the work of the North Carolina State League Convention was made by Rev. Bruce Dudley.

Rev. R. H. Jackson made a verbal report of the State Mission Board.

A verbal report of the North Carolina Ministers' Conference was given by Rev. D. W. Hansley.

A plea for more interest in the younger people was made by Mrs. D. W. Hansley and Rev. Wayne West.

At this time the congregation sang "Faith of Our Fathers" and "He Keeps Me Singing."

The moderator read articles written concerning the division of the Free Will Baptist denomination.

A motion was made and carried that this conference send a letter of commendation to Rev. L. E. Ballard for the release of his article of October 10, 1963, entitled, "When Will We Let This Monster Die?"

A motion was made and carried that this conference send a letter to "The Free Will Baptist" endorsing the publication of the article by Brother Ballard.

Singing by the congregation, "At Calvary."

REPORT OF MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Greetings:

We sincerely thank our friends in the Western Conference for helping to make 1962-63 the most successful year in the history of Mount Olive College. Enrollment and financial support exceeded all previous years.

Forty-one churches and other organizations within the conference contributed \$15,002.33 during our fiscal year July 1, 1962 through June 30, 1963.

GROWTH

This fall our enrollment has climbed to an all-time high of 226. Of this number 131 are boarding students. Because college-owned dormitory space is limited to 22 students, it was necessary for us to find off-campus accommodations for 109 students this fall. It was only by urgent appeals through newspaper, radio, and personal friends that we were able to find enough rooms for our students.

Moreover, the college is now paying more than \$10,000 annually in rent for space to house its students, faculty offices, and other activities. The future growth of the college will depend upon the development of our new 90-acre campus.

RECOMMENDED QUOTAS

In order to assure the continued service and growth of the college, we have submitted to our churches two recommended quotas for 1963-64; one

quota for the general fund and another for the development fund. A summary of support last year and recommended quotas for this year the churches of the Western Conference is submitted with this report.

The North Carolina State Convention has approved an overall budget of \$82,000 in denominational support for the general fund and \$50,000 to the development fund for the 1963-64 fiscal year.

The Western Conference has a membership of approximately 7,650 Original Free Will Baptists, and your recommended quotas total \$19,500 to the general fund and \$10,500 to the development fund.

We recognize that in most cases the recommended quotas will require sincere dedication in order to be reached. But Christian education does not come easily nor is it cheap. The higher the goal, the greater the sacrifice required to attain it. Jesus never set low goals for His followers, and neither can the church today.

Christian education is worth whatever it costs.

REPORT OF GIFTS AND RECOMMENDED QUOTAS FOR
WESTERN CONFERENCE OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
FISCAL YEAR, JULY 1—JUNE 30

Church	Approximate Membership	Total Gifts 1962-63	Recommended General Fund	Quotas 1963-64 Develop- ment Fund
Barnes Hill	137	\$ 4.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Black Jack Grove	81	50.00	150.00	50.00
Branch Chapel	316	101.35	400.00	150.00
Calvary	91	328.75	325.00	150.00
Edgemont	128	45.00	75.00	50.00
Elwood Lane	253	250.00	400.00	200.00
Everett Chapel	188	210.00	350.00	100.00
Flood's Chapel	87	53.84	150.00	75.00
Free Union	80	271.05	250.00	100.00
Fremont Chapel	164	68.69	250.00	100.00
Friendship	191	574.46	750.00	300.00
Holly Springs	208	335.86	300.00	250.00
Kenly	215	172.00	500.00	300.00
Northern King's Chapel	123	35.00	100.00	25.00
Little Rock	274	1,029.22	700.00	750.00
Marsh Swamp	335	1,845.79	1,600.00	700.00
Memorial Chapel	67	135.00	175.00	100.00
Micro	164	1,399.21	1,000.00	800.00
Mibournic	153	167.32	250.00	150.00
Mt. Zion (Nash County)	167	415.97	600.00	200.00
Mt. Zion (Wilson Co.)	190	15.00	150.00	50.00
New Hope	76	83.30	100.00	50.00

New Sandy Hill	147	48.79	150.00	50.00
People's Chapel	176	131.47	250.00	100.00
Pine Level	357	887.14	1,200.00	500.00
Piney Grove	248	183.89	500.00	100.00
Pleasant Grove	241	1,035.00	1,000.00	600.00
Pleasant Hill	107	227.10	200.00	250.00
Pleasant Plain	240	106.54	300.00	250.00
Rains' Cross Roads	233	546.51	1,000.00	600.00
Rock Springs	88	118.37	150.00	50.00
Rose Bud	100	113.50	150.00	50.00
Saint Mary's	272	445.36	400.00	300.00
Selma	180	245.00	400.00	200.00
Sherron Acres	323	144.01	500.00	200.00
Spring Hill	57	0	100.00	100.00
Stancil's Chapel	163	175.68	250.00	100.00
Stoney Creek	225	616.00	800.00	700.00
Stony Hill	93	248.02	300.00	100.00
Union Chapel	30	0	50.00	25.00
Union Grove	187	650.92	500.00	750.00
Wilson	409	366.00	800.00	300.00
Lanwood Chapel	88	0	25.00	25.00
Conference, Union Meetings, Miscellaneous		1,116.03	1,350.00	450.00
Totals	7,652	\$15,002.33	\$19,500.00	\$10,500.00

LOYALTY FUND SUNDAY FOR MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1963

The North Carolina State Convention has called upon all member churches to observe Sunday, October 27, as Loyalty Fund Sunday for Mount Olive College. On this date we hope that each church will take definite steps toward meeting its recommended quota to the general fund of the college.

This observance will be a good time to emphasize the important service Mount Olive College is rendering Original Free Will Baptists.

1. Mount Olive is the only fully accredited college in our denomination.

2. Mount Olive is the only college committed to the *Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina*.

3. Mount Olive College believes that every qualified and worthy student should have the opportunity of Christian higher education; and to this end, the college maintains a liberal program of student aid. The college believes that no student should be denied an education because he is poor.

4. Mount Olive College is cooperating with the State Mission Board in providing scholarship and education for future missionaries.

5. Mount Olive College is providing scholarships and educational op-

opportunities for ministerial students who wish "to study to shew themselves approved unto God, workmen who need not to be ashamed."

6. Mount Olive College is providing scholarships for graduates from the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex.

7. Mount Olive College is providing a basic liberal arts education for children regardless of their vocational or professional interest. Present students are preparing for careers in teaching, the Christian ministry and missions, secretarial science, accounting, business administration, agriculture, forestry, engineering, geology, law, science, medicine, nursing, dentistry, physical education, art library science, industrial arts, social and youth work.

Submitted by,

Dr. W. Burkette Raper

An offering was received for the college amounting to \$56.26.

The offertory prayer was made by Rev. J. A. Evans.

REPORT OF BOARD OF ORDINATION

1. We recommend Brother C. F. Bowen be received into the fellowship of our conference, with full privileges granted to members, his letter of transfer having been received from the Cape Fear Conference.

2. We recommend the following ministers be received into the fellowship of our conference, subject to a letter of transfer from their respective conference:

(1) Brother Everette Bryan, pastor of Selma Free Will Baptist Church, coming from the Eastern Conference.

(2) Brother N. D. Wiggs, pastor of Rains' Cross Road Free Will Baptist Church, coming from the Eastern Conference.

(3) Brother Frank R. Harrison, pastor of Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, coming from the Central Conference.

3. We recommend the following ministers be granted a letter of transfer at the close of the sitting of the Western Conference on October 17, 1963:

(1) Rev. Melvin K. Everington to the Eastern Conference.

(2) Rev. Wiley Ferrell to the Cape Fear Conference.

4. We recommend that we ordain Brother Allen Campbell and that his name be added to the roll of ordained ministers of the Western Conference.

5. We recommend Brother Lester Duncan's name be added to the roll of licentiates.

6. We recommend the name of Brother Wayne West be added to the roll of licentiates.

The Western Conference Board of Ordination has worked throughout this year with the boards of ordination of the conferences in good stand

ing with our North Carolina State Convention for license and ordination and a uniform ordination certificate.

ORDINATION SERVICE

Singing by the congregation, "It Pays to Serve Jesus."

The service consisted of the ordination of Brother Allen Campbell.

The charge was made by Rev. Joseph Ingram, reading Isaiah 61:1-3 for his Scripture reading; obligations by Rev. Boyd Shook; ordination prayer by Rev. Wiley Ferrell; presentation of the Bible by Rev. Albert Coates; presentation of Certificate of Ordination by Rev. W. E. Renfrow. A hand of fellowship was extended Brother Campbell while the congregation sang "Jesus Saves."

Benediction and blessing for the food by Rev. M. L. Johnson.

AFTERNOON SESSION

"We're Marching to Zion" and "He Lives" were sung by the congregation.

Duet by Misses Jones and Rackley.

The moderator introduced Attorney Art Vann who brought greetings and encouraged Free Will Baptists to move forward with love and compassion.

A rising vote of confidence was expressed to Mr. Vann for his leadership as an attorney.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL CHARACTER

Because of certain charges brought against one of our ordained ministers in the program of Brother Horace Medlin, we, your ministerial character committee, recommended that he be restored to fellowship in the conference. We further recommend that he resign from his present pastorates in the best interest of the churches.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred A. Rivenbark

C. S. Hinnant

L. H. Boykin

Joseph H. Ingram (proxy for L. B. Woodall)

Joseph C. Yates

REPORT OF MISSION BOARD

Your mission board desires to extend thanks for your prayers and support. There are several towns and cities within the bounds of the Western Conference without a Free Will Baptist church. It is hoped that by working with the North Carolina State Mission Board that new churches can be established in these cities and towns. The inroads made upon Original Free Will Baptists in North Carolina makes its imperative that we work harder than ever. Word has reached the mission board that Union Chapel Church

near Middlesex, North Carolina, has been closed. Your mission board would like to make the following recommendations.

1. That the Western Conference work with all persons interested in activating Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Middlesex, North Carolina.

2. That each church include the Western Conference mission program in their fiscal budget.

3. That the Western Conference work with the North Carolina State mission program.

4. That we pray the "Lord of the Harvest that He send workers into the harvest."

The mission board treasurer report as follows:

Money on Hand October 15, 1962	\$282.78
Received from the First Union Meeting July 5, 1963	25.00
Total	<hr/> \$307.78

REPORT OF MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

With the passing of our friends and God's servants our hearts are filled with regret and rejoicing: regret because they are with us no more; rejoicing because of faithful service rendered while with us and their going home to receive their crown of reward.

We offer sympathy and prayers to the families of the deceased.

They have challenged us to carry on in faithful Christian service.

So far as we know, we have not had a minister to pass away in the conference during the year; however, one minister's widow, Mrs. Ida O. Styron, wife of the late S. H. Styron, Pine Level, North Carolina, has been called home.

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Knowing the value of temperance in all phases of life, we, the temperance committee, do hereby make the following resolutions:

1. Be it resolved, that all Free Will Baptists adhere to the Church Covenant and refrain from the use and sale of intoxicating beverages.

2. Be it resolved, that the ministry, and all those in the teaching departments of our church so instruct our youth in temperance that they will refrain from unholy conformity to the world.

3. Be it resolved, that we, the member churches of this conference, follow the lesson promoting unity in Hebrews 10:23: "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised)."

Respectfully submitted by committee.

REPORT OF TREASURER

(1962--1963)

Balance Brought Forward	\$171.75
Received at Conference From Churches	439.00
For Children's Home	100.00
For Missions	65.00
New Sandy Hill	3.50

Total to Account For	\$879.25
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Paid Out

Arthur Vann	\$300.00
R. N. Hinnant	56.72
Mt. Olive College	100.00
Children's Home	100.00
Missions	65.00
Publishing of Minutes	148.32
State Convention	10.00
Bibles, Ordination Board	69.50

Total Paid Out	849.54
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Balance in Treasury	\$29.71
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REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

(See Officers and Boards Elected)

It was moved and carried that the executive committee be allowed to set the place for the conference in 1964; also the approval of the minutes be referred to the executive committee.

Motion to adjourn.

Closing song, "God Be With You."

Benediction by Rev. Paul Jenkins.

M. L. Johnson, *Moderator*

R. N. Hinnant, *Clerk*

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Whereas, the customs, practices, and position of Original Free Will Baptists, relative to recognition of and assistance to churches or other organizations which may become victims of new doctrines or practices "which might disturb and destroy the harmony and life of the church," was reduced to writing in a resolution adopted by the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of the United States on Friday, May 26, 1922, which reads as follows:

"Resolved, that Conference go on record and pledge itself to stand by and support in case of division that part of any church conference or association that contends for the original faith and prac-

tice of the Free Will Baptist church, even though it be in the minority, when such division is caused by the advent of new doctrines, which might disturb and destroy the harmony and life of the church.

"We further declare it to be our judgment that we will not recognize the doctrines of a second definite work of grace, nor the doctrines allied with it under the guise of sanctification or holiness. But it is our purpose to recognize and we do hereby recognize the doctrine of the Original Free Will Baptist (church) with all its ordinances unmodified." And

Whereas, Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina were represented when the above resolution was adopted by official delegates from the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists as well as the Central, Cape Fear, Eastern, and Western Conferences, the French Broad Association, and the Woman's Home Mission of the Eastern Conference (see minutes for 1922); and

Whereas, the above resolution correctly states the customs, practices and usages of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina from time immemorial; and

Whereas, in more recent years some who hold themselves out as Original Free Will Baptists have repudiated the principle of the above resolution; and

Whereas, we believe the principle of the above resolution to be vital to the future preservation of our denomination;

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That we do hereby reaffirm our adherence to the principle of the above resolution by declaring that;

We will continue to recognize, stand by and support, in case of division, that part of any church conference, or association, whether it be a majority or minority, that contends for and remains loyal to the original faith, policy, customs, practices, and usages of Original Free Will Baptists when such division is caused by the advent of new doctrines, policy, customs, practices, or usages, which might disturb and destroy the harmony and life of the church, conference, or association; or in the event of division caused by the departure from those doctrines, customs, practices, policy, and usages adhered to by Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

2. That we immediately implement this resolution by urging all Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina to recognize, stand by and support those churches, conferences and/or associations which are now in a distressed condition as a result of conditions as mentioned in Paragraph 1 above.

3. That we urge our member individuals, churches, and other organizations to make liberal donations to the Heritage Fund of the North Carolina State Convention as early as possible.

4. That we further advise our member churches to respect, abide by, and

be governed by our *Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina*.

Respectfully submitted,
R. H. Jackson
Frank R. Harrison
Fred A. Rivenbark

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

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 officers. 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 cooperatively 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 Committee: 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 ($\frac{2}{3}$) 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 majority 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.

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.

MINUTES
OF THE
Seventy-Eighth Annual Session
OF THE
WESTERN CONFERENCE
OF THE
Original Free Will Baptists
OF
North Carolina

HELD WITH
ST. MARY'S CHURCH
October 14, 15, 1964

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1964-1965

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 Bisette
Earl Glenn
R. H. Jackson

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

R. N. Hinnant, Chairman	1969
Tom Matthew	1965
Paul Jenkins	1966
F. A. Morris	1967
Everette Bryan	1968

BOARD OF ORDINATION

Raymond Jones, Chairman	1969
Joseph C. Yates	1965
W. E. Renfrow	1966
Joe Ingram	1967
Albert T. Coates	1968

BOARD OF MINISTERIAL CHARACTER

F. A. Rivenbark, Chairman	1969
Leonard Woodall	1965
C. S. Hinnant	1966
L. H. Boykin	1967
C. F. Bowen	1968

BOARD OF MISSIONS

R. H. Jackson, Chairman	1969
Clyde Cox	1965
W. L. Poythress	1966
Hilery Minchew	1967
Wayne West	1968

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Relmon Johnson	1965
L. S. Joyner	1966
Jimmy Hodges	1967
Frank Ray Harrison	1968
Henry Barfield Jr.	1969

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.
 H. Paul Jenkins, 2114 Bertha Street, Kannapolis, 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.
 H. M. Minchew, Route 1, Kenly, N. C.
 Felton Johnson, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.
 J. C. Yates, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.
 G. Herman Griffin, Route 1, Wingate, N. C.
 Luby C. Tynor, 807 W. Waddell Street, Selma, N. C.
 Albert T. Coates, Route 1, Box 300, Smithfield, N. C.
 John C. Walker, 2619 Omah Avenue, Durham, N. C.
 Daniel C. Rivers, Chaplain U. S. Army
 Earl H. Glenn, 300 Fleet Street, New Bern, N. C.
 Robert N. Rollins, 301 South Watts Street, Williamston, N. C.
 Edmund Gonzales, 1220 Lynn Street, Durham, N. C.
 Dee Bisette, Route 2, Bailey, N. C.
 R. H. Jackson, Route 1, Sims, N. C.
 Cedric D. Pierce Jr., Route 1, Box 308-A, Winterville, N. C.
 Billy R. Yawn, 205 Boling Street, Clayton, N. C.
 Leonard B. Woodall, Kenly, N. C.
 G. C. Joyner, Route 3, Smithfield, N. C.
 Joseph H. Ingram, Route 2, Goldsboro, N. C.
 Earl Minchew, Route 2, Princeton, N. C.
 Jimmie L. Barfield, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.
 Charles Morgan, Route 1, Bailey, N. C.
 Raymond E. Jones, 1708 Liberty Street, Durham, N. C.
 Horace Medlin, Route 2, Bailey, N. C.
 James V. Joyner, Route 1, Lucama, N. C.
 Fred A. Rivenbark, 917 Lynn Road, Durham, N. C.
 Harold Jones, 332 Barnes Street, Clayton, N. C.
 Jimmy A. Hodges, Route 1, Concord, N. C.
 Billy Ray Jordan, Route 2, Box 316, Pikeville, N. C.
 Allen Campbell, 600 Yarn Street, Clayton, N. C.
 C. F. Bowen, 1731 Hillcrest Drive, Wilson, N. C.
 Everette Bryan, Selma, N. C.
 N. D. Wiggs, Route 1, Kenly, N. C.
 Frank R. Harrison, Lucama, N. C.
 W. G. Boykin, Raleigh, N. C. (Superannuated)

Lester Duncan, Wilson, N. C.
Henry Barfield Jr., Route 6, Goldsboro, N. C.
Wayne West, Route 1, Winterville, N. C.
Clyde Cox, Pine Level, N. C.

LICENTIATES

Derrell Horne
DeWayne Eakes

CHURCH, COUNTIES, AND PASTORS FOR 1964-1965

CABARRUS COUNTY

Elwood Lane—Paul Jenkins
New Hope—Roy Hagler

DURHAM COUNTY

Edgemont—Raymond E. Jones
Northern—Billy Ray Jordan
Sherron Acres—F. A. Rivenbark

JOHNSTON COUNTY

Branch Chapel—W. E. Renfrow
Everett Chapel—Billy R. Yawn
Friendship—Edward Miles
Holy Springs—W. L. Poythress
Kenly—D. W. Hansley
Micro—Minot Godwin
Pine Level—Clyde Cox
Piney Grove—Leonard Woodall
Pleasant Plain—N. D. Wiggs
Rains' Cross Roads—N. D. Wiggs
Selma—Everette Bryan
Stancil's Chapel—W. E. Renfrow

NASH COUNTY

Barnes Hill—Lester Duncan
Flood's Chapel—Charles Morgan
Free Union—James V. Joyner
Memorial Chapel—C. H. Overman
Mt. Zion—R. N. Hinnant
Rock Springs—R. N. Hinnant
Stony Hill—Leonard Woodall
Union Chapel—L. H. Boykin

WAYNE COUNTY

Black Jack Grove—Luby C. Tyner
Pleasant Grove—Albert T. Coates
Pleasant Hill—W. J. Mayo
Stoney Creek—Joe Ingram
Union Grove—Albert T. Coates

WILSON COUNTY

Calvary—Roland C. Cherry
Little Rock—Frank R. Harrison
Marsh Swamp—R. H. Jackson
Milbournie—Dewey Boling
Mt. Zion—Royster Martin
New Sandy Hill—Charles Morgan
People's Chapel—Swade Benson
Rose Bud—Harold Jones
St. Mary's—J. C. Yates
Watson Grove—Jimmie L. Barfield
Wilson—C. F. Bowen

FIRST UNION MEETING—R. H. Jackson, Moderator

SECOND UNION MEETING—R. N. Hinnant, Moderator

CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES

CABARRUS COUNTY

Elwood Lane—Mrs. Carl Lambert, 530 Annex Avenue, Kannapolis, N. C.
New Hope—Mrs. Ann Telensil, 236 Krimminger Road, Concord, N. C.

DURHAM COUNTY

Edgemont—James R. McGhee, 2716 Rochelle Street, Durham, N. C.
Northern—Mrs. Hazel Johnson, Route 2, Box 219-C, Barclay Road, Durham, N. C.
Sherron Acres—W. L. Bennett, Box 123, E. Durham, N. C. 27703

JOHNSTON COUNTY

Branch Chapel—Eugene Price, 508 Winston Street, Selma, N. C.
Everett Chapel—Hardin G. Blackman, 502 E. Andrews Street, Clayton, N. C.
Friendship—Mrs. J. Ralph Strickland
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—Alton White, Box 126, Pine Level, N. C.
Piney Grove—Luther G. Pope, Box 115, Kenly, N. C.
Pleasant Plain—Linwod 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—Monroe Lindsey, Route 3, Nashville, N. C.

Flood's Chapel—W. F. Bissette, Route 1, Spring Hope, N. C. 27882
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. Oscar Whitley Jr., Route 1, Bailey, N. C.
Stony Hill—Mrs. Mabel Glover, Route 2, Middlesex, N. C.
Union Chapel—

WAYNE COUNTY

Black Jack Grove—T. C. Hines, 1607 Murphy Street, Goldsboro, N. C.
Pleasant Grove—Irwin Rowe, Route 2, Box 14, Pikeville, N. C.
Pleasant Hill—Mrs. Marjorie Snipes, Route 2, Princeton, 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, Box 417, Newton Park, Wilson, N. C.
Little Rock—Ralph Barnes, Lucama, N. C.
Marsh Swamp—Mrs. Blanche B. Loftlin, Route 1, Sims, N. C. 27880
Milbournie—Miss Kathryn Lamm, Route 2, Box 621, Wilson, N. C.
Mt. Zion—Evel Boykin, Route 3, Kenly, N. C. 27542
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, Route 3, Box 295, Wilson, N. C.
Watson Grove—Aileen Barfield, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.
Wilson—Mrs. Sara L. Bogue, 1101 S. Tarboro Street, Wilson, N. C.
First Union Meeting—C. S. Hinnant, Route 2, Pikeville, N. C.
Second Union Meeting—Luther Bissette, Route 1, Sims, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

The seventy-eighth annual session of the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with St. Mary's Church, Wilson County, October 14, 15, 1964.

The conference opened by singing "Our Best" led by Rev. B. L. Shook. Prayer by Rev. F. A. Rivenbark. Scripture taken from John 21: 1-12 was read by Rev. Joseph Ingram and prayer by Rev. R. W. Allman.

Rev. Joseph C. Yates, pastor of the local church, extended a hearty welcome to all present. Response by Rev. W. E. Renfrow.

ROLL CALL OF MINISTERS

Ministers present first day: R. N. Hinnant, L. H. Boykin, Romie Mitchell, D. C. Boling, L. S. Joyner, Paul Jenkins, W. E. Renfrow, Milton Davis, M. L. Johnson, W. L. Poythress, H. M. Minchew, J. C. Yates, Luby C. Tyner, Boyd L. Shook, Albert T. Coates, Earl H. Glenn, Robert N. Rollins, Dee Bisette, R. H. Jackson, G. C. Joyner, Joseph H. Ingram, Earl Minchew, Jimmie L. Barfield, Raymond E. Jones, Horace Medlin, James V. Joyner, Fred A. Rivenbark, Harold Jones, Jimmy A. Hodges, Billy Ray Jordan, C. F. Bowen, Everette Bryan, N. D. Wiggs, Frank R. Harrison, Wayne West, Clyde Cox, and Henry Barfield Jr.

Ministers present second day: R. N. Hinnant, L. H. Boykin, Milford Hales, Romie Mitchell, D. C. Boling, L. S. Joyner, Paul Jenkins, W. E. Renfrow, M. L. Johnson, W. L. Poythress, H. M. Minchew, J. C. Yates, Boyd L. Shook, Albert T. Coates, R. H. Jackson, Cedric D. Pirece Jr., Billy R. Yawn, G. C. Joyner, Joseph H. Ingram, Earl Minchew, Jimmie L. Barfield, Raymond E. Jones, Fred A. Rivenbark, Jimmy A. Hodges, Billy Ray Jordan, C. F. Bowen, Everette Bryan, Frank R. Harrison, Wayne West, Clyde Cox, and Henry Barfield Jr.

VISITING MINISTERS

Eastern Conference—David W. Hansley and Carol B. Hansley.

Central Conference—W. B. Raper, C. D. Hamilton, R. W. Allman, Bobby G. Bazen, N. B. Barrow, and E. C. Morris.

Cape Fear Conference—James A. Evans, Roland C. Cherry, Walter Reynolds, and W. O. Lassiter.

ROLL CALL OF CHURCHES

(See Statistical Table)

Recognition of all visitors and remarks by the moderator.

Report of the Free Will Baptist Press was given by Revs. R. N. Hinnant and N. B. Barrow. Report received as information.

Singing by the congregation, "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms."

Report of Mount Olive College was given by Dr. W. B. Raper. An offering for the college was received, amounting to \$85.40. Offertory prayer by Rev. J. A. Evans.

REPORT OF MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Greetings:

We are happy to share with our friends in the Western Conference a report on the progress and future plans of Mount Olive College. We are grateful to you for helping to make 1963-64 the most successful year in the history of the college. A report of the gifts received is listed by churches and is attached hereto.

Enrollment for the fall semester totaled 290 students from eight states and two foreign countries, for an increase of 61 over the fall of 1963. Additional students could not be admitted due to inadequate housing and academic space.

A \$1 million *development program* on our new 90-acre campus is now underway. Foundation work for the first building began Monday, October 12.

Contracts totaling \$815,000 have been awarded for an academic building designed to accommodate 350 students and a three-unit dormitory complex with room facilities for 132 students. The college has available in gifts and loans \$700,000 to apply on these contracts. The North Carolina State Convention has called upon Free Will Baptists to raise by June 30, 1965, the additional \$115,000 needed to complete these buildings.

This development program is the most aspiring undertaking in the history of our denomination. It is a challenge to greatness to which Free Will Baptists of North Carolina are responding with faith and dedication.

A *series of Benefit Dinners* is being held to assist churches in meeting their quotas to the development fund. The purpose of these dinners is to give 35,000 Free Will Baptists an individual opportunity to contribute what they can and will toward building a Christian college for our children.

The general operating budget for the 1964-65 fiscal year totals \$298,830, and of this amount the Free Will Baptists of North Carolina are asked to contribute \$60,250. Individual church quotas are now being prepared for the general fund and will be mailed within a few days.

High school seniors should make their application now for admission to the fall semester in 1965. Mount Olive College is dedicated to providing opportunities in Christian higher education for the largest number of Free Will Baptist young people.

We ask our friends in the Western Conference to join hands with us to assure that no worthy student is denied the opportunity to achieve his highest intellectual and spiritual destiny.

W. Burkette Raper, *President*

RECORD OF SUPPORT TO MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

July 1, 1963—June 30, 1964

Mount Olive College expresses its sincere appreciation to the Western Conference for helping to provide Christian higher education for the

youth of our church. The report below includes all gifts received, whether from the church, Sunday school, woman's auxiliary, leagues, or individuals.

<i>Church</i>	<i>Gen. Fund</i>	<i>Devel. Fund</i>	<i>Total</i>
Barnes Hill	\$ 5	\$ 68	\$ 73
Black Jack Grove			
Branch Chapel	134	299	433
Calvary	229	65	294
Edgemont	10	139	149
Elwood Lane			
Everett Chapel	210		210
Flood's Chapel	35	73	108
Free Union	30	190	220
Fremont Chapel	42		42
Friendship	536	381	917
Holly Springs	118	227	345
Kenly	129	371	500
Northern King's Chapel		17	17
Little Rock	226	1,347	1,573
Marsh Swamp	797	1,207	2,004
Memorial Chapel	100	85	185
Micro	535	447	982
Milbournie	39	180	219
Mount Zion (Nash County)	320	379	699
Mount Zion (Wilson County)		65	65
New Hope	75		75
New Sandy Hill	86	31	117
People's Chapel	131	48	179
Pine Level	440	1,097	1,537
Piney Grove	322	455	777
Pleasant Grove	837	724	1,561
Pleasant Hill	134	342	476
Pleasant Plain	212	329	541
Rains' Cross Roads	605	1,200	1,805
Rock Springs	83	135	218
Rose Bud	30	21	51
Saint Mary's	215	262	477
Selma	105	155	260
Sherron Acres	66	212	278
Spring Hill	18	103	121
Stancil's Chapel	150	129	279
Stoney Creek	460	868	1,328
Stony Hill	60	233	293
Union Grove	311	715	1,026
Wilson	305	510	815
Lanwood Chapel			

Conference	945	387	1,332
Individuals	110		110
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Totals	\$9,196	\$13,493	\$22,689

(Note: The above figures are given according to the nearest dollar.)

GIVING

"This thing of giving," said George F. Burba, "I do not understand, any more than you do, but there is something about it that blesses us. . . . Those who give most, have most left. . . . I believe that everyone who dries a tear will be spared the shedding of a thousand tears. . . . I believe that every sacrifice we make will so enrich us in the future that our regret will be that we do not enrich the sacrifice the more. . . .

"Give—and somewhere, from out of the clouds, or from the sacred depths of human hearts, a melody divine will reach your ears, and gladden all your days upon the earth."—*Philanthroph's Role in Civilization*, by Arnaud C. Marts.

Song, "Trust and Obey," by the congregation and prayer by Rev. F. A. Rivenbark.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. R. H. Jackson. Scripture reading, Matthew 16:13-20.

LUNCH

The afternoon session opened by singing "Higher Ground." Rev. N. D. Wiggs conducting the devotions, reading the Scripture from John 1:40-42; prayer by Rev. W. L. Poythress.

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

October 14, 1964

We, the credential committee, make the following report:

Ministers Present	34
Delegates Present	64
Visiting Ministers	9
Total with Voting Privileges	98

We recommend that those who have registered with the credentials committee and hold voting cards be seated in this conference with full voting privileges.

FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Western Conference	\$ 10.00
Mount Olive College Offering	85.40
Children's Home Offering	80.33
Money Sent to Conference	488.00
Pastor's Salary	92,237.65
Missions	5,774.37

Children's Home	12,789.26
Education	19,006.14
Other Purposes	160,602.06

Total Raised for the Year	\$ 287,645.33
Total Value of Church Property	1,595,300.00

Grand Total	\$1,882,945.33
Number Members Enrolled	7,172
Number Baptized	263
Average Sunday School Attendance	4,600
Number Members Died	54
Number Members of Woman's Auxiliary	973
Number Ministers Present	38
Number Delegates Present	75
Visiting Ministers	14
Total with Voting Privileges	113

Respectfully submitted by your committee,

Cedric D. Pierce Jr., *Chairman*

Raymond Jones

Jimmy A. Hodges

• Frank R. Harrison

REPORT OF THE WESTERN CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, OCTOBER 14, 1964

Since our last report, made to the seventy-seventh annual session of this conference on October 16, 1963, we have endeavored to attend to the business of this conference in keeping with our customs and practices and the expressed duties as set forth in Article 4, Section 1, of our Constitution. Most of our activities have been related to items already approved by this conference in regular session, including the matters and things pertaining to the Edgemont Church and Ronald Creech dispute and the resulting lawsuits. We report the following for the information and approval of this the seventy-eighth annual session of this the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina:

1. EDMONT CHURCH TRIAL AND APPEAL

In our last report we reported that a "partial new trial" had been held in the Durham County Superior Court in the matter of the case by the Western Conference and the congregation recognized by this conference versus the James A. Miles Faction, (Case No. 4738). We further reported that the "partial new trial" ended by the trial Judge granting a defense motion for nonsuit and that this matter had been appealed to the North Carolina Supreme Court.

The appeal in this case was heard by the Supreme Court on November 28, 1963; and on January 17, 1964, it filed an opinion in which the action

STATISTICAL TABLE OF CHURLELEGATES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Churches	County	Yearly Meeting	Regular Meetings	Raised for Missions	Raised for Children's Home	Raised for Education	Other Purposes	Paid Pastor	Died	Sunday School	Auxiliary	Church Property	Conference	Delegates
Elwood Lane	Cabarrus	August	Full Time	\$ 288	\$141	\$ 258	\$ 6,190	\$4,240	1 133	20	\$ 60,000	10.00	Mrs. Paul Jenkins	
New Hope	Cabarrus	August	Full Time	223	75	298	1,620	1 78	24	13,000	10.00			
Edgemont	Durham	October	Full Time	54 312	150	5,060	3,900	0 80	13		10.00	Mrs. Dora Joyner, Mrs. Charlotte Griffin		
Northern	Durham	September	Full Time		25	2,200	2,080	1 55	8	50,000	5.00	Mrs. Lucille Glosson, Mrs. Deva Johnson		
Sherron Acres	Durham	October	Full Time	52 376	230	8,882	5,300	2 160	17	140,000	10.00	Mrs. Betty Hudson, Mrs. T. R. Register		
Branch Chapel	Johnston	August	Second-Fourth		532	438	236	2,025		20,000	15.00	Paul Dunn and Wife, Ola Stallings		
Everett Chapel	Johnston	January	Full Time	94 154	210	8,680	4,070	1 120	28	87,500	10.00	Mrs. Virginia Yawn, Mrs. Ruby Joyner		
Friendship	Johnston	August	Second-Fourth	47 580	796	5,647	2,100	1 102	27	27,000	10.00	Paul Hocutt, Simon Allen		
Holly Springs	Johnston	October	First-Third	13 188	172	529	1,500	2 147	25	75,000	12.00	Mrs. Flora Boykin, Mrs. Orabelle Nichols		
Kenly	Johnston	August	Full Time	49 434	561	3,201	4,420	4 212	28	34,500	25.00	Felton Watson and Wife		
Micro	Johnston	August	Second-Fourth	100 333	625	2,149	1,800	1 115	25	50,000	20.00	J. T. Wellons		
Pine Level	Johnston	August	Full Time	175 450	1,472	6,798	4,160	1 190	20	68,000	10.00	Mrs. Sadie Peedin, Mrs. Octavia Edwards, Mrs. J. A. Starling		
Piney Grove	Johnston	October	Second-Fourth	236 283	476	7,338	1,300	1 180	18	40,000	10.00	Lester Shirley and Wife, Daisy Ferrell		
Pleasant Plain	Johnston		Second-Fourth	128 250	511	1,760	2,100	2 95	21	34,000	10.00	H. A. Scott and Wife		
Rains' Cross Roads	Johnston	August	First-Third	200 375	1,473	2,488	2,100	3 165	26	50,000	15.00	J. R. Evans Sr. and Wife		
Selma	Johnston	March	Full Time	45 68	375	2,192	4,420	90	30	40,000	5.00	Mrs. Daisy Creech, Mrs. Christine Bryan		
Stancil's Chapel	Johnston	August	First-Third	90 476	348	2,607	1,200	1 130	20	10,000	8.00	W. E. Parrish, Russell Peele		
Barnes Hill	Nash	February	Second-Fourth	4 184	68		1,110	2 75	15	7,000	5.00	C. J. Barnes		
Flood's Chapel	Nash	October	Second-Fourth	47 76	94	1,616	900	0 48	13	20,000	10.00			
Free Union	Nash	August	Second-Fourth	100 200	200	2,551	1,500	75	22	35,000	10.00			
Memorial Chapel	Nash		First-Third		130	145	205				10.00			
Mt. Zion	Nash	September	Second-Fourth	55 547	479	1,390	1,500	1 117	25	15,000	25.00	Thomas Manning and Wife		
Rock Springs	Nash	September	First-Third	14 47	221	776	1,320	0 95	12	10,000	10.00	Mrs. Luther Bissette, Mrs. Clarence Manning		
Stony Hill	Nash	July	First-Third	10 40	310	1,298	940	1 75	17	15,000	10.00	B. C. Strickland		
Union Chapel	Nash													
Black Jack Grove	Wayne	July	First-Third	12 23	5	3,026	750	2 119	15	14,000	5.00	George Joyner		
Pleasant Grove	Wayne	August	First-Third	197 838	1,152	3,509	1,560	2 172	37	75,000	40.00	William Taylor and Wife		
Pleasant Hill	Wayne	August	First-Third	70 118	523	2,301	1,080	2 129	18	30,000	10.00	Mrs. Marjorie Snipes, Mrs. Clarence Bunn		
Stoney Creek	Wayne	October	Full Time	1,155 599	1,393	7,454	3,690	2 59	59	40,500	10.00	Hebert Pate and Wife		
Union Grove	Wayne	September	Second-Fourth	249 205	485	4,815	1,500	3 110	40	35,000	15.00	Mrs. Lettie Aycock, Mrs. Sarah Pittman		
Calvary	Wilson	August	Full Time	206 430	199	2,967	3,120	0 105	22	40,000	5.00	W. R. Sawrey		
Little Rock	Wilson	September	Full Time	90 227	1,352	2,991	3,920	7 175	50	74,000	15.00	Mrs. John Lucas, Mrs. Clingman Kirby		
Marsh Swamp	Wilson	September	Full Time	288 662	2,304	3,904	4,680	4 166	24	58,000	15.00	Mrs. Gladys Fulghum, Mrs. Ruby Sullivan, Eddie Lee Thorne and Wife		
Milbournie	Wilson	August	Full Time	11 390	211	4,874	3,600	1 127	24	48,000	10.00	Mrs. Bessie Lamm, Mrs. Virginia Hayes		
Mt. Zion	Wilson		Second-Fourth		75	925	1,200	0 100	18	10,000	10.00	Henry Johnson and Wife		
New Sandy Hill	Wilson	April	First-Third	6 112	56	5,193	1,250	2 106	16	5,000	5.00	Letter		
People's Chapel	Wilson	September	First-Third	70 423	169	3,525	1,045	2 95	20	18,000	10.00	Norman Vaughn and Wife		
Rose Bud	Wilson	September	Full Time	21 49	38	220	1,570		19	20,000	5.00			
St. Mary's	Wilson	September	Full Time	149 438	443	6,622	4,141	1 166	27	85,000	7.50	Hubert Narron, Odell Howell, M. Edwards, Lassiter Talton		
Watson's Grove	Wilson	November	First		30	50		18		800	5.00	Letter		
Wilson	Wilson	August	Full Time	895 781	1,000	34,697	5,200	4 350	152	176,000	20.00	J. E. Carter, Mrs. C. F. Bowen, Mrs. W. L. Poythress		
First Union Meeting				180 250	615						25.00	Mrs. Hardy Talton, Mrs. Paul Edwards, Paul Batten and Wife		
Second Union Meeting											10.00			

of the trial Judge, in granting the defense motion for nonsuit, was reversed. This opinion reads in part as follows:

"In allowing the motion for nonsuit, and entering the judgment, the court fell into error. The evidence, considered in the light most favorable to plaintiffs, makes out a *prima facie* case for plaintiffs on all material issues of fact. No purpose can be served by a review of the evidence here.

"The ruling of the court on the motion to nonsuit is reversed and the judgment below will be vacated."

The effect of this ruling by the Supreme Court was to provide for the use of the church property to be divided again and another "partial new trial" held. The use of the property was divided by an order of the court. The "partial new trial" has not been held nor is it scheduled at this time.

Since the last Supreme Court ruling the James A. Miles Faction has completed a new building which they are now using. However, they are still making token use of the property located at 1212 East Main Street. The congregation which has been recognized by this conference is conducting a full-time program during the time they have use of the property.

The prolonged inactivity relative to the final disposition of this matter is resulting in prolonged uncertainties and strain upon the congregation as recognized by this conference and in serious deterioration of the property involved.

We are of the opinion that the welfare of this congregation and the preservation of this property make it imperative that this matter be concluded as early as possible. While we desire that this matter might be satisfactorily concluded without another trial, we believe it is the duty of this conference to continue to cooperate with the congregation recognized by it to bring the matter to a satisfactory conclusion even if another trial is required.

In view of the above, we recommend that this, the seventy-eighth annual session of the Western Conference, does hereby instruct its officers and executive committee to continue their cooperation with the congregation recognized by this conference in their continued efforts to bring this from the church, Sunday school, woman's auxiliary, leagues, or individuals, matter to an early and satisfactory conclusion.

2. RESTRAINING ORDERS AGAINST RONALD CREECH

We also reported last year relative to the temporary restraining orders in the case of the Western Conference versus Ronald Creech (Case No. 4737). After the trial the Judge granted the defense motion for nonsuit in Case No. 4738, and in August 1963, he also vacated the temporary orders in this case. However, the last ruling by the Supreme Court had the effect of restoring these orders. This case has not been tried on its merits and is still pending. Therefore, Ronald Creech is still restrained from holding himself out as an Original Free Will Baptist minister by reason of his membership in or endorsement by the Western Conference.

All actions taken in this case have already been ratified by this conference and the officers and executive committee instructed to continue as necessary in this case.

3. \$400,000 LIBEL SUIT BY RONALD CREECH

The \$400,000 libel suit brought by Ronald Creech against the executive committee and board of ordination and which papers were served on the members of this committee and board on October 12, 1960, is still pending. Ronald Creech and his attorney have attempted several times during the past year to bring this matter up for trial, but so far it has been continued. It is expected that other attempts will be made to schedule this for trial. However, we do not know at this time just what will develop in this case.

The actions taken relative to Ronald Creech have been ratified by this conference as being in fact the actions of the Conference. The officers and executive committee have also been authorized to take such action in this case as they find necessary.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF LOAN AUTHORIZED

The moderator, clerk, and treasurer have been authorized to accept a loan to help pay expenses involved in the legal actions taken and to execute a promissory note for this loan. This loan has not been accepted to date. However, we do still need financial assistance to complete all payments of expenses involved to date. We hope it will not be necessary to use this loan; however, if further court action is necessary we may still find it necessary to accept the loan which is still available to us.

M. L. Johnson, *Moderator*
R. N. Hinnant, *Clerk*
R. H. Jackson
Earl H. Glenn

It was moved and carried that item one of the executive committee's report be adopted.

It was also moved and carried that the report of the executive committee be adopted in its entirety.

It was moved and carried that the Board of Trustees of the Western Conference be empowered to make investigation of the Pincy Grove Church, Nash County, and make whatever disposition they deem possible.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Memorial—C. F. Bowen, Mrs. Lester Fulghum, and Mrs. Felton Watson.

Resolutions—Fred A. Rivenbark, Robert Rollins, and John R. Evans.

Temperance—W. L. Poythress, Norman Vaughn, and Mrs. Clingman Kirby.

Nominating—Paul Jenkins, W. E. Renfrow, Mrs. Sadie B. Peedin, L. H. Boykin, and Mrs. Hardy Talton.

Rev. Earl Minchew brought greetings to the conference from the Albemarle Conference.

Rev. R. H. Jackson brought greetings from the State Mission Board and made a report which was received as information.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn. Singing by the congregation, "Bless Be the Tie," and benediction by Rev. R. H. Jackson.

THUURSDAY MORNING

The morning devotions were conducted by Rev. Clyde Cox. The congregation sang "Have Thine Own Way." Scripture reading, Acts 2:1-6, 12. Prayer by Albert Coates.

Final roll call of ministers.

It was moved and carried that we accept the resignation of Rev. N. D. Wiggs from the board of missions.

It was moved and carried that the position of Rev. Edmund Gonzales be declared vacant on the board of missions, because of inactivity.

Rev. E. C. Morris spoke on the work of Mt. Olive Church, also the International Original Free Will Baptist Convention.

REPORT OF MISSION BOARD

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

This year the Western Conference Mission Board has helped Union Chapel in paying \$30 per month on the pastor's salary. Rev. L. H. Boykin has been serving them as pastor.

There is a great challenge for mission work and the establishment of new churches within the bounds of the Western Conference.

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

1. That we pray for missions.
2. 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.
3. That we send all conference mission funds to the treasurer, Rev. H. M. Minchew, Route 1, Kenly, North Carolina.

MISSIONS BOARD TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1963-1964

Money in Treasury October 17, 1963 \$307.78

Receipts

Received from First Union Meeting	\$ 75.00
Received from Rev. A. B. Bryan, State Mission Board, St. Mary's	33.61
Received from Rev. A. B. Byran, State Mission Board, Stoney Creek	81.92

Received from St. Mary's Church	26.00
Received from Rev. R. H. Jackson	2.00
Received from Calvary Church	5.00
Received from Little Rock Church	25.00
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Total Receipts for the Year	248.53
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Total to Account For	\$556.31

Disbursements

Paid Rev. L. H. Boykin for Mission Work	\$310.00
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Total Paid Out for the Year	310.00
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Balance in Treasury October 14, 1964	\$246.31

Singing by the congregation, "The Nail-Scarred Hand."

The report of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home was given by the Rev. M. L. Johnson, superintendent. (See report.) An offering was received for the Home in the amount of \$80.33.

CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT

The following is a report of gifts received from the Western Conference district during the year 1963-1964 and the suggested quotas for the year 1964-1965. The quotas for 1964-1965 are based upon our needs to meet the goals established in our Golden Anniversary Development Program and our general operation for the year.

<i>Church</i>	<i>Gifts During</i>	<i>Suggested</i>
	1963-1964	1964-1965
Barnes Hill	\$ 146.23	\$ 250.00
Black Jack Grove	28.73	150.00
Branch Chapel	700.82	750.00
Calvary	457.85	500.00
Edgemont	280.74	300.00
Elwood Lane	141.64	300.00
Everett Chapel	243.81	325.00
Flood's Chapel	66.30	275.00
Free Union	191.99	350.00
Fremont Chapel	75.00	200.00
Friendship	634.26	800.00
Holly Springs	212.81	300.00
Kenly	544.31	600.00
Little Rock	259.00	500.00
Marsh Swamp	979.88	1,000.00
Micro	512.00	700.00
Milbournie	295.76	350.00

Mount Zion (Nash County)	520.88	600.00
Mount Zion (Wilson County)	125.81	250.00
New Hope	229.04	200.00
New Sandy Hill	106.58	250.00
Northern	4.00	200.00
People's Chapel	553.75	600.00
Pine Level	485.85	750.00
Piney Grove	454.88	600.00
Pleasant Grove	906.07	1,000.00
Pleasant Hill	202.00	250.00
Pleasant Plain	406.21	600.00
Rains' Cross Roads	360.80	550.00
Rock Springs	93.35	200.00
Rose Bud	61.80	200.00
Selma	129.35	300.00
Sherron Acres	371.00	500.00
Spring Hill	170.00	250.00
St. Mary's	414.80	500.00
Stancil's Chapel	437.53	500.00
Stoney Creek	591.25	750.00
Stony Hill	50.20	200.00
Union Chapel	112.23	100.00
Union Grove	235.00	500.00
Watson Grove	30.00	100.00
White Oak Hill	110.58	150.00
Wilson	476.73	1,200.00
Miscellaneous	682.29	1,050.00

Totals	\$14,093.11	\$20,000.00
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Respectfully submitted,
M. L. Johnson, *Superintendent*

REPORT OF THE WESTERN CONFERENCE BOARD OF ORDINATION

We, your Western Conference Board of Ordination, beg to report as follows:

We have held two meetings this year: February 10 and August 20.

We have examined Brothers Derrell Horne and DeWayne Eakes for licenses to preach. Upon finding them sound in accord with the North Carolina Free Will Baptist discipline, we therefore recommend that their names be added to our list of licentiates.

We examined Brother Lester Duncan for ordination. Upon completion of the examination, we found him sound in doctrine and qualified for ordination. Since he had been called to pastor Barnes Hill Church, we decided to proceed with his ordination. This was done at Free Union Church on August 20, 1964.

We examined Brothers William Henry Barfield III and Phillip Wayne West for ordination and found them sound in doctrine and qualified for ordination. We therefore recommend them for ordination at this service, and their names be placed on our roll of ordained ministers.

On motion that we enroll Brother Clyde Cox as a member of our conference and that his name be placed on our roll of ordained ministers, coming by letter from the Piedmont Conference.

On motion that we grant a letter of dismissal to Brother Boyd Shook to unite with the Cape Fear Conference.

Expense of the board are as follows:

Meals for Board Members	\$10.30
Three Bibles at \$11.35 Each	34.05

Total Expenses	\$44.35
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This amount was reimbursed to Brother Albert T. Coates.

Respectfully submitted,
Boyd L. Shook, *Chairman*
Albert T. Coates
W. E. Renfrow
Joseph H. Ingram
Joseph C. Yates

ORDINATION SERVICE

The congregation sang "Faith of Our Fathers." Vocal solo, "I'd Rather Have Jesus," by Rev. Clyde Cox.

The charge was made by Rev. B. L. Shook, reading as a Scripture, Acts 9:10-16. Prayer by Rev. W. E. Renfrow, presentation of Bibles by Rev. Joseph Ingram; and presentation of Certificates of Ordination by Rev. Albert Coates. The hand of fellowship was extended to Brothers Henry Barfield III and Wayne West while the congregation sang, "Bless Be the Tie That Binds."

Benediction and blessing for the noon day meal by Rev. Walter Reynolds.

LUNCH

The afternoon devotions were conducted by Rev. Everette Bryan. The congregation sang "At Calvary." Prayer by Rev. C. B. Hansley. Scripture reading from Exodus 19:5-25.

Rev. Walter Reynolds gave a verbal report on Cragmont and an offering was received for Cragmont amounting to \$58.07. Prayer by Rev. Joe Ingram.

It was moved and carried that the churches be requested to send a contribution to Cragmont.

A verbal report of the Ministerial Association was given by Rev. D. W. Hansley as information.

A motion was made and carried that the board of ordination inform each minister, when uniting with this conference, of the regulation that if he does not attend two consecutive sessions of the conference or fail to write to the conference of his inability to attend, his name shall be dropped from the conference roll.

REPORT OF STATE BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION

We are glad for the privilege to make this report to the Western Conference for the year 1963-1964:

1. We have nine ministers who receive regular monthly pension checks; of this number five are from the Western Conference.

2. We have 19 ministers' widows who receive regular quarterly pension checks; of this number four are from the Western Conference.

3. Contributions made by the conference to superannuation:

(1) Churches	\$1,154.32
(2) Auxiliaries	5.00
(3) Sunday Schools	128.94
(4) Leagues	11.31
(5) Individuals	1,149.73
(6) Layman's Leagues	2.00
(7) Unions	60.00
Total	<hr/> \$2,511.30

4. The budget for 1964-1965 is \$20,000, based on 75c per member of the churches of this state.

5. October is Superannuation Month. Please send all superannuation funds to: Walter Reynolds, Route 4, Dunn, North Carolina 28334.

6. The following is a list of those who have enrolled in the "Ministerial Retirement System": Revs. Dewey C. Boling, Albert T. Coates, R. H. Jackson, Paul Jenkins, Luther S. Joyner, Cedric D. Pierce Jr., W. Y. Poythress, Boyd L. Shook, Frank Ray Harrison, and Clyde Cox.

7. 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, *Chairman-Treasurer*

REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL CHARACTER COMMITTEE

Inasmuch as the rules and regulations of the Western Conference provide for the removal from the conference roll the names of ministers who fail to attend two consecutive sessions of the conference and who have failed to notify the conference as to the reason or reasons for their absences, we, the committee, recommend that the name of Douglas John-

son, Clayton, be removed from the conference roll and that his credentials be duly revoked.

Respectfully submitted,
F. A. Rivenbark, *Chairman*
L. H. Boykin
C. S. Hinnant
Leonard Woodall
C. F. Bowen

REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Among the material and human blessings God has given to man, the greatest is that of a friend. Many of us will attest to the fact that some of the best friends we have ever had were in the gospel ministry. But ever and anon we must give up such friends and see them pass on to glory. Such has been the case with two of our brother ministers: Brothers M. L. Cummings and Millard Pittman.

To those of the families of these brethren, let us say that our prayers are for you and we feel keenly the loss you must feel even after some months have passed. It is not easy to bear grief but we can take comfort in the knowledge that God loves us and no sorrow shall be so great that we will not be able to bear it.

Someone has said: "All those who journey, soon or late, must pass within the Garden's gate; must kneel alone in darkness there, and battle with some dark despair. God pity those who cannot say: 'Not mine but thine'; who only pray: 'Let this cup pass' and cannot see the purpose in Gethsemane."—*Ella Wheeler Wilcox*.

The memorial committee asks that this conference stand for a moment of silent prayer and submission to God.

Respectfully submitted,
C. F. Bowen, *Chairman*
Mrs. Felton Watson
Mrs. Lester Fulghum

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Whereas, the Free Will Baptist Press has through the years served our denomination as a publication and news agency; and

Whereas, our literature for our various enterprises and Sunday schools cannot be excelled; and

Whereas, contributions have through the years been made to the various denominational purposes by way of gifts; and

Whereas, the directors and employed personnel have served unselfishly to promote the service of the Press;

Therefore be it resolved: That this conference go on record as a loyal

supporter of the Press and express our appreciation for its unstinted service to our churches.

H. Paul Jenkins
Frank R. Harrison

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

Inasmuch as the congregation of St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church has demonstrated superb hospitality in the entertaining of this session of the Western Conference let us therefore give a standing vote of appreciation to this congregation and to all others who have in any way helped to make this session the pleasurable one it has been.

Resolutions committee,
Fred A. Rivenbark
John R. Evans Sr.

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Realizing the vast danger in life of our youth and the many broken homes caused by intoxicating beverages, we, the temperance committee, make the following resolutions:

1. We recommend that all Free Will Baptists abstain from the use and sale of all intoxicating beverages.
2. To abstain from all places where gambling or any worldly amusement is going on.
3. We further recommend that Free Will Baptist parents teach their children to attend church services as well as Sunday school.
4. We further recommend that all of our ministers attend the Western Conference and spend more time in business conference and use the lunch hour for fellowshiping.

Mrs. Clingman Kirby
Rev. W. L. Poythress
Mrs. Norman Vaughn

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

(See Officers and Boards Elected)

It was moved and carried that the placing of the conference for 1965 be left in the hands of the executive committee.

It was moved and carried that the executive committee appoint delegates to the International Original Free Will Baptist Convention.

Special prayer was offered for the recovery of Rev. Lester Duncan's son. Rev. Paul Jenkins led the prayer.

REPORT OF TREASURER

(Itemized Report 1963-1964)

Balance in Treasury	\$ 29.71
<i>Received at Conference</i>	
For Children's Home	75.99

For Mount Olive College	67.26
From Churches	488.00

Total to Account For	\$660.96
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Paid Out

R. N. Hinnant, Secretary Expenses	\$ 62.78
Children's Home	75.99
Mount Olive College	67.26
Bible for Rev. Allen Campbell	11.35
Arthur Van, Legal Expenses	250.00
International Original Free Will Baptist Convention	10.00

Total Paid Out	477.38
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Balance in Treasury	\$183.58
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Motion to adjourn.

Rev. M. L. Johnson made a few remarks after reading a parting Scripture reading from 1 Thessalonians 5:9-25. Closing hymn, "Footsteps of Jesus."

Benediction by Rev. C. B. Hansley.

M. L. Johnson, *Moderator*

R. N. Hinnant, *Clerk*

CHURCH LETTER

TO

WESTERN CONFERENCE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Date _____, 19_____

1. Name of church _____

County _____

2. Delegates _____

3. Pastor of church (next year) _____

Address _____

5. Money sent to conference _____ \$ _____

6. What month do you hold your yearly meeting? _____

7. What Sunday in the month do you have your services? _____

8. Since last conference how much have you (1) paid pastor \$ _____;

(2) raised for mission \$ _____; (3) raised for orphanage \$ _____

(4) raised for education \$ _____; (5) other purposes \$ _____;

(6) total raised for year \$ _____.

9. Condition of church: (1) number of members _____; (2) baptized

since last conference _____; (3) average Sunday school attend-

ance _____; (4) died _____; (5) number members of woman's

auxiliary _____.

10. What is the value of your church property? \$ _____.

NOTE: The conference is held each year on Wednesday and Thursday after the second Sunday in October. Please make your contribution to the conference as large as possible.

MINUTES
OF THE
Seventy-Ninth Annual Session
OF THE
WESTERN CONFERENCE
OF THE
Original Free Will Baptists
OF
North Carolina

HELD WITH
STONEY CREEK CHURCH

October 13, 14, 1965

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1965-1966

Moderator	_____	Dewey Boling
Assistant Moderator	_____	R. H. Jackson
Clerk	_____	R. N. Hinnant
Treasurer	_____	Luther Bissette

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dewey Boling, Chairman
R. H. Jackson
R. N. Hinnant
Luther Bissette
M. L. Johnson

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

R. N. Hinnant, Chairman 1969
Paul Jenkins 1966
F. A. Morris 1967
James Joyner 1968
Jimmie Barfield 1970

BOARD OF ORDINATION

Raymond Jones, Chairman 1969
W. E. Renfrow 1966
Joe Ingram 1967
Albert T. Coates 1968
Joseph C. Yates 1970

BOARD OF MINISTERIAL CHARACTER

F. A. Rivenbark, Chairman 1969
C. S. Hinnant 1966
L. H. Boykin 1967
C. F. Bowen 1968
Bruce Dudley 1970

BOARD OF MISSIONS

R. H. Jackson, Chairman 1969
W. L. Poythress 1966
Hilery Minchew 1967
Wayne West 1968
Clyde Cox 1970

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

L. S. Joyner 1966
Jimmy Hodges 1967
Frank Ray Harrison 1968
Henry Barfield Jr. 1969
Joe Johnson 1970

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, 712 E. Horne Street, Clayton, N. C.
 L. S. Joyner, 1220 Lynn Street, Durham, N. C.
 H. Paul Jenkins, 2114 Bertha Street, Kannapolis, 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.
 H. M. Minchew, Route 1, Kenly, N. C.
 Felton Johnson, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.
 J. C. Yates, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.
 G. Herman Griffin, Route 1, Wingate, N. C.
 Luby C. Tyner, 807 W. Waddell Street, Selma, N. C.
 Albert T. Coates, Route 1, Box 300, Smithfield, N. C.
 Earl H. Glenn, 300 Fleet Street, New Bern, N. C.
 Robert N. Rollins, Box 205, LaGrange, N. C.
 Edmund Gonzales, 1225 Lynn Street, Durham, N. C.
 Dee Bissette, Route 2, Bailey, N. C.
 R. H. Jackson, Route 1, Sims, N. C.
 Cedric D. Pierce Jr., 1424 Rosewood Avenue, Rocky Mount, N. C.
 Billy R. Yawn, 502 Boling Street, Clayton, N. C.
 G. C. Joyner, Route 3, Smithfield, N. C.
 Joseph H. Ingram, Route 2, Goldsboro, N. C.
 Earl Minchew, Route 2, Princeton, N. C.
 Jimmie L. Barfield, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.
 Charles Morgan, Route 1, Bailey, N. C.
 Raymond E. Jones, 1708 Liberty Street, Durham, N. C.
 James V. Joyner, Box 487, Kenly, N. C.
 Fred A. Rivenbark, 817 Lynn Road, Durham, N. C.
 Harold Jones, Route 1, Winterville, N. C.
 Jimmy A. Hodges, P. O. Box 406, Concord, N. C.
 Billy Ray Jordan, Route 2, Pikeville, N. C.
 C. F. Bowen, 1731 Hillcrest Drive, Wilson, N. C.
 N. D. Wiggs, Route 1, Kenly, N. C.
 Frank R. Harrison, Box 117, Lucama, N. C.
 W. G. Boykin, Raleigh, N. C. (Superrannuated)
 Lester Duncan, 213 Dewey Street, Wilson, N. C.
 Henry Barfield Jr., 504 W. Vance Street, Wilson, N. C.
 Wayne West, Route 1, Winterville, N. C.
 Clyde W. Cox, Box 307, Pine Level, N. C.
 Bruce Dudley, Pikeville, N. C.

Roland C. Cherry, 614 Clark Avenue, Wilson, N. C.
Douglas Johnson, 221 Central Street, Clayton, N. C.
DeWayne Eakes
Joe H. Johnson, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.

LICENTIATES

Derrell Horne

VISITING MINISTERS

Eastern Conference—Joe Johnson, Bruce Dudely, A. B. Bryan, and C. B. Hansley.

Central Conference—C. D. Hamilton, Noah Brown, C. H. Overman, and R. W. Allman.

Cape Fear Conference—Walter Reynolds, Swade Benson, J. A. Evans, R. C. Cherry, and W. B. Raper.

Piedmont Conference—Walter Carter.

CHURCHES, COUNTIES, AND PASTORS FOR 1965-1966

CABARRUS COUNTY

Elwood Lane—H. Paul Jenkins
New Hope—

DURHAM COUNTY

Edgemont—Raymond E. Jones
Northern—Billy Ray Jordan
Sherron Acres—Fred A. Rivenbark

JOHNSTON COUNTY

Branch Chapel—W. E. Renfrow
Everett Chapel—Billy R. Yawn
Friendship—Sheldon Howard
Holly Springs—W. R. Martin
Kenly—James V. Joyner
Micro—Charles Sapp (Supply)
Pine Level—Clyde Cox
Piney Grove—N. D. Wiggs
Pleasant Plain—Bruce Dudley
Rains' Cross Roads—N. D. Wiggs
Selma—Albert T. Coates
Stancil's Chapel—W. E. Renfrow

NASH COUNTY

Barnes Hill—Lester Duncan
Flood's Chapel—Charles Morgan
Free Union—Lester Duncan
Memorial Chapel—C. H. Overman
Mt. Zion—R. N. Hinnant

Rock Spring—R. N. Hinnant
Stony Hill—Adrian Grubbs
Union Chapel—L. H. Boykin

WAYNE COUNTY

Black Jack Grove—Luby C. Tyner
Pleasant Grove—Bruce Dudley
Pleasant Hill—Henry Barfield Jr.
Spring Hill—M. E. Godwin
Stoney Creek—Joseph Ingram
Union Grove—R. F. Harris
Fremont—

WILSON COUNTY

Calvary—Roland C. Cherry
First Church, Wilson—C. F. Bowen
Little Rock—Frank R. Harrison
Marsh Swamp—R. H. Jackson
Milbournie—Dewey Boling
Mt. Zion—W. Royster Martin
New Sandy Hill—Charles Morgan
People's Chapel—Swade Benson
Rose Bud—Edger Benton
Saint Mary's—J. C. Yates
Watson Grove—Jimmie L. Barfield

FIRST UNION MEETING—Joseph Ingram, Moderator

SECOND UNION MEETING—R. N. Hinnant, Moderator

CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES

CABARRUS COUNTY

Elwood Lane—Mrs. Carl Lambert, 530 Annex Avenue, Kannapolis,
N. C.
New Hope—Mrs. Ann Telensil, 236 Krimminger Road, Concord, N. C.

DURHAM COUNTY

Edgemont—James R. McGhee, 2716 Rochelle Street, Durham, N. C.
Northern—Mrs. Hazel Johnson, Route 2, Barclay Road, Box 219-C,
Durham, N. C.
Sherron Acres—W. L. Bennett, Box 123, E. Durham, N. C. 27703

JOHNSTON COUNTY

Branch Chapel—Eugene Price, 508 Winston Street, Selma, N. C.
Everett Chapel—Hardin G. Blackman, 502 E. Andrews Street, Clayton,
N. C.
Friendship—Mrs. J. Ralph Strickland, Middlesex, N. C.
Holly Springs—C. Marvin 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—Alton White, Box 126, Pine Level, N. C.
Piney Grove—Luther G. Pope, Box 115, Kenly, N. C.
Pleasant Plain—Linwood S. 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—Monroe Lindsey, Route 3, Nashville, N. C.
Flood's Chapel—W. E. Bissette, Route 2, Spring Hope, N. C.
Free Union—H. C. Morgan, Route 2, Spring Hope, N. C.
Memorial Chapel—Mrs. Henry Mitchell, Route 2, Box 12-B, Middlesex, N. C.
Mt. Zion—L. W. Matthews, Route 2, Nashville, N. C.
Rock Spring—Mrs. Oscar Whitley Jr., Route 1, Bailey, N. C.
Stony Hill—Mrs. Mabel Glover, Route 2, Middlesex, N. C.

WAYNE COUNTY

Black Jack Grove—T. C. Hines, 1607 Murphy Street, Goldsboro, N. C.
Fremont—
Pleasant Grove—Irwin Rowe, Route 2, Box 14, Pikeville, N. C.
Pleasant Hill—Mrs. Marjorie Snipes, Route 2, Princeton, N. C.
Spring Hill—Mrs. B. H. Woodard, Route 5, Box 438, Goldsboro, N. C.
Stoney Creek—Quinton Hare, Route 6, Box 553, Goldsboro, N. C.
Union Grove—R. A. Sasser Jr., Fremont, N. C.

WILSON COUNTY

Calvary—Mrs. Martha Bartlett, Route 4, Box 417, Wilson, N. C.
First Church, Wilson—Mrs. Nona C. Godwin, 207 Broad Street, Wilson, N. C.
Little Rock—Ralph Barnes, Route 1, Lucama, N. C.
Marsh Swamp—Mrs. Blanche B. Loftin, Route 1, Sims, N. C. 27880
Milbournie—Miss Kathryn Lamm, Route 2, Box 621, Wilson, N. C.
Mt. Zion—Evel Boykin, Route 3, Kenly, N. C. 27542
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.
Saint Mary's—Eugene Williamson, Route 3, Box 295, Wilson, N. C.
Watson Grove—Aileen Barfield, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.
First Union Meeting—C. S. Hinnant, Route 2, Pikeville, N. C.
Second Union Meeting—Luther Bissette, Route 1, Sims, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

The seventy-ninth annual session of the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with Stoney Creek Church, Wayne County, October 13, 14, 1965.

The conference opened with the singing of "Jesus Saves." The devotions were led by Rev. James V. Joyner who used the third chapter of Colossians as a basis for his devotions, which was followed with prayer.

The welcome was given by the pastor of the local church, Rev. Joseph Ingram. The response was given by Rev. Billy Ray Jordan.

A prayer of consecration was offered by Rev. Paul Jenkins on behalf of the conference for the beautiful sanctuary we were permitted to worship in during the sitting of this conference.

ROLL CALL OF MINISTERS

Ministers present first day: R. N. Hinnant, L. H. Boykin, Romie Mitchell, D. C. Boling, H. Paul Jenkins, W. E. Renfrow, M. L. Johnson, Jasper Edwards, W. L. Poythress, H. M. Minchew, J. C. Yates, Robert N. Rollins, R. H. Jackson, Cedric D. Pierce Jr., Leonard B. Woodall, Joseph H. Ingram, Earl Minchew, Charles Morgan, Raymond E. Jones, James V. Joyner, Fred A. Rivenbark, Harold Jones, Jimmie A. Hodges, Billy Ray Jordan, C. F. Bowen, N. D. Wiggs, Frank R. Harrison, Lester Duncan, Henry Barfield Jr., Wayne West, and Clyde Cox.

Ministers present second day: R. N. Hinnant, L. H. Boykin, Romie Mitchell, D. C. Boling, H. Paul Jenkins, W. E. Renfrow, M. L. Johnson, W. L. Poythress, H. M. Minchew, Felton Johnson, J. C. Yates, Albert T. Coates, Robert N. Rollins, Edmund Gonzales, Dee Bissette, R. H. Jackson, Cedric D. Pierce Jr., Leonard B. Woodal, Joseph H. Ingram, Jimmie L. Barfield, Charles Morgan, Raymond E. Jones, James V. Joyner, Fred A. Rivenbark, Billy Ray Jordan, C. F. Bowen, N. D. Wiggs, Frank R. Harrison, Wayne West, Clyde Cox, and DeWayne Eakes. L. S. Joyner reported by letter.

The roll call of churches was made. (See statistical table.)

Remarks by the moderator, Rev. M. L. Johnson.

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

The Free Will Baptist Press, once a share-holding corporation, is now a membership corporation. No individual holds any share in the Press. Membership certificates have been properly issued to our churches, union meetings, conferences, conventions, etc.

The Press is now negotiating with architects for the construction of a new plant to house our Press. Ten acres of land have been purchased for the construction of said plant.

Financially, the Press is in good condition and we solicit your patronage as members of our denomination.

It is the intention of the Press to enhance the usefulness of the Press to our people.

The congregation sang "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

REPORT OF MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Greetings:

The hope and dreams of Original Free Will Baptists for an educational program that can meet the needs of our youth are rapidly being fulfilled at Mount Olive College. We are grateful to our friends in the Western Conference for sharing with us in this great ministry of Christian higher education.

New Campus—After eleven years of operation in an old elementary school building, the college moved this fall the major portion of its activities to a new 90-acre campus valued at \$1 million.

The campus site was purchased at a cost of \$112,000, the Henderson Academic Building was constructed at a cost of \$400,000 and a \$500,000 dormitory complex is nearing completion. The office of the president, dean, faculty, and all departments of instruction except music are in the Henderson Building. One unit of the dormitory complex is now occupied by 47 men and the other two units, which will house 83 women, are scheduled to be completed by Thanksgiving.

These buildings are the first phase of a long-range development program. Future buildings include a library, cafeteria-student union, chapel, gymnasium, auditorium, and additional academic buildings and dormitories.

Enrollment for the fall semester has totaled 347 students. High school seniors who wish to attend Mount Olive next year should file their applications for admissions early. It is the desire of the college to serve every qualified Free Will Baptist student who wants the advantages of attending a Christian college.

Development fund dinners are being held again this year throughout the state for the purpose of giving every Free Will Baptist an opportunity to share in the growth and services of the college. Forthcoming dinners include:

Wilson County, Monday, November 15, 7 p. m., American Legion Building, Wilson, goal: \$6,000.

Johnston-Wake Counties, Tuesday, November 16, 7 p. m., South Smithfield Elementary School, Smithfield, goal: \$9,650.

Nash County, Thursday, November 18, 7 p. m., Community Building, Spring Hope, goal: \$1,500.

A Christian education is the best security we can provide for our children.

W. Burkette Raper, President

REPORT OF GIFTS AND RECOMMENDED QUOTAS

(Fiscal Year, July 1,—June 30)

Church	Development Fund		General Fund	
	1964-65 Gifts	1965-66 Quota	1964-65 Gifts	1965-66 Quota
Barnes Hill	\$ 85	\$ 125	\$ 68	150
Branch Chapel	100	300	74	250
Black Jack Grove	61	100		100
Elwood Lane		200	125	300
Calvary	87	100	6	250
Edgemont	100	150	50	100
Everett Chapel	254	300		250
Flood's Chapel	112	125	50	100
Free Union	141	200		100
Fremont Chapel	65	100	142	150
Friendship	731	750	306	500
Holly Springs	337	350	84	200
Kenly	200	350	200	250
Northern		50		50
Little Rock	1,397	1,400	277	500
Marsh Swamp	1,119	1,250	1,091	1,250
Memorial Chapel	142	125	75	100
Micro	355	500	515	700
Milbournie	179	200	42	150
Mount Zion (Nash)	485	500	208	500
Mount Zion (Wilson)	50	75	10	50
New Hope		75		75
New Sandy Hill	36	50	10	100
People's Chapel	76	100	130	200
Pine Level	1,134	1,200	458	600
Piney Grove	454	500	145	350
Pleasant Grove	1,030	1,000	477	600
Pleasant Hill	261	350	141	150
Pleasant Plain	229	325	132	250
Rains' Cross Roads	872	1,000	155	750
Rock Springs	63	125	44	175
Rose Bud	102	100	3	50
Saint Mary's	508	500	217	400
Selma	111	200	65	200
Sherron Acres		250	256	350
Spring Hill		100		150
Stancil's Chapel	119	150	66	200
Stoney Creek	911	1,000	510	700
Stony Hill	300	300	83	150
Union Grove	537	750	195	300

\$12,650

We recommend that the ministers and delegates be seated in this session of the Western Conference and that the visiting ministers be given full privileges save that of voting.

Frank R. Harrison, *Chairman*

Jimmy A. Hodges

Henry Barfield

REPORT OF THE WESTERN CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Since our last report, made to the seventy-eighth annual session of this conference on October 14, 1964, we have endeavored to attend to the business of this conference in keeping with our customs and practices and the expressed duties as set forth in Article 4, Section 1, of our Constitution. Most of our activities have been related to items already approved by this conference in regular session, including the matters and things pertaining to the Edgemont Church and Ronald Creech dispute and the resulting lawsuits. We report the following for the information and approval of this the seventy-ninth annual session of this the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

There has been no new litigation relative to the matters and things pertaining to the Edgemont Church and Ronald Creech dispute since our last report. However, during the year we have, in keeping with the recommendations of our last report, endeavored to determine the possibilities of satisfactorily concluding the remaining issues without another court trial. We are happy to report that some progress has been made and we are hopeful that the remaining issues may soon be resolved.

It is our opinion that the officers, executive committee, and other committees as may be designated should continue to negotiate in good faith and attempt to resolve the remaining issues without another court trial if such can be done satisfactorily. However, it is further our opinion that should they fail to satisfactorily resolve the remaining issues without another court trial, the officers and committees should continue to work with the congregation recognized by this conference to bring the matters to a satisfactory conclusion even if another court trial is required.

In view of the above, we recommend that this, the seventy-ninth annual session of the Western Conference, does hereby again express its absolute confidence in its officers and committees and does hereby instruct them to continue their cooperation with the congregation recognized by this conference in continued efforts to bring these matters to an early and satisfactory conclusion.

The moderator, clerk, and treasurer have been authorized to accept a loan to help pay expenses involved in the legal actions taken and to execute a promissory note for this loan. This loan has not been accepted to date. However, we do still need financial assistance to complete all payments of expenses involved to date. We hope it will not be necessary to use this loan. However, if the remaining issues are resolved we may find it

STATISTICAL TABLE OF CHURCHGATES 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	Sunday School	Auxiliary	Church Property	Conference	Delegates
New Hope	Cabarrus	August	Full Time	\$ 212	\$ 188	\$ 283	\$ 6,826	\$ 4,240	\$ 13,000	133	12	\$ 85,000	\$ 10.00	Mrs. Paul Jenkins
Elwood Lane		August	Full Time											Mrs. Tom Alford, Mrs. Calvin Griffin
Edgemont	Durham	October	Full Time	181	451	127	1,850	3,900	6,575	75	22		10.00	
Northern	Durham	December	Full Time		60			2,080	4,366	8		35,000	5.00	
Sherron Acres	Durham	September	Full Time	161	385	276	12,399	5,200	18,375	165	20	140,000	10.00	Mrs. Mattie Lane, Mrs. Jack Spring
Branch Chapel	Johnston	August	Second-Fourth	84	477	254	1,391	1,800	4,015	150		20,000	15.00	Walter Brown and Wife, Elijah Phillips
Everett Chapel	Johnston	January	Full Time	87	160	350	7,824	4,200	12,624	150	25	87,500	10.00	R. L. Moore, Douglas Johnson
Friendship	Johnston	August	Second-Third	47	645	858	4,181	2,100	8,281	96	30	42,000	10.00	M. Simon Allen, Paul Hocutt
Holly Springs	Johnston	October	First-Third	63	336	257	602	1,500	2,710	110	25	75,000	12.50	Mrs. Tom Phillips, Mrs. Henry T. Pope
Kenly	Johnston	August	Full Time	110	404	322	3,392	3,020	7,216	66	21	39,500	25.00	Mrs. Peggy Parnell, Mrs. Henry Watson, Mrs. Ruth Daniels
Micro	Johnston	August	Second-Fourth		150	559	3,550	1,425	4,885	150	27	50,000	20.00	Turner Wellons and Wife
Pine Level	Johnston	August	Full Time	166	360	672	8,501	4,900	13,501	180	40	78,000	10.00	Mrs. Tom Rains, Mrs. Person Pittman, Wilbert Woodard, Lloyd Strickland Jr.
Piney Grove	Johnston	October	Second-Fourth	217	307	434	2,541	1,300	3,841	170	18	40,000	10.00	R. A. Sasser and Wife, Leroy Pittman
Pleasant Plain	Johnston	June	Second-Fourth	106	250	356	1,388	2,100	3,888	98	20	35,000	10.00	Arthur Batten, W. D. Helms
Rains' Cross Roads	Johnston	August	First-Third	210	325	1,047	2,670	2,100	6,335	160	23	50,000	15.00	Mrs. Eva L. Williamson
Selma	Johnston	June	Full Time	100	100			3,900	6,580	80	24	50,000	10.00	
Stancil's Chapel	Johnston	August	First-Third	71	464	25	1,434	1,200	3,114	125	22	10,000	8.00	Dwight Wall and Wife
Barnes Hill	Nash	February	Second-Fourth	4	241	149	1,273	1,180	1,801	16		8,000	5.00	C. J. Barnes
Flood's Chapel	Nash	October	Second-Fourth	4	125	161	812	900	2,048	48	13	20,000	10.00	
Free Union	Nash	September	First-Third	25	54	96	4,264	1,500	5,875			25,000		Mrs. Lester Duncan
Memorial Chapel	Nash		First-Third		8			1,160	1,900				5.00	Mrs. Henry Mitchell
Mt. Zion	Nash	September	Second-Fourth	74	532	643	1,512	1,500	4,215	115	25	15,000	25.00	Thomas Manning and Wife
Rock Springs	Nash	September	First-Third	21	39	135	1,577	1,320	3,097	80	10	12,000	10.00	Mrs. Luther Bisette
Stony Hill	Nash	July	Second-Fourth	55	61	353	1,372	840	2,812		15	15,000	10.00	
Union Chapel	Nash													
Black Jack Grove	Wayne	April	First-Third	30	85	100	198	1,215	4,416	106		14,000	5.00	Mrs. Elmo Wiley
Pleasant Grove	Wayne	August	First-Third	263	769	1,583	4,153	1,570	8,083	172	44	75,000	40.00	Rufus Hare and Wife, Mrs. Maybelle Fleming
Pleasant Hill	Wayne	August	First-Third	106	110	426	4,979	1,080	6,779	92	15	35,000	10.00	Floyd Baker, Gray Snipes
Spring Hill	Wayne	August	First-Third		200	110	1,100	720	2,120	70	11	1,500	10.00	Mrs. B. H. Woodard
Stoney Creek	Wayne	October	Full Time	1,612	357	373	12,529	3,844	18,771	265	52	125,000	10.00	Mrs. Daisy Chase, Bill Dale, Bishop Pate
Union Grove	Wayne	September	Second-Fourth	142	303	880	8,267	1,390	10,957	110	40	35,000	15.00	R. L. Fleming

necessary to accept the loan which is still available to us in order to conclude these matters.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Resolutions—Clyde Cox, L. H. Boykin, and C. S. Hinnant.

Temperance—C. F. Bowen, Lester Duncan, and Cedric Pierce Jr.

Memorial—Mrs. Felton Watson, Miss Imettie Raper, and Mrs. Calvin Griffin.

A partial report of the board of ordination was adopted as follows:

We have held two meetings this years: February 12, 1965, at Stancil's Chapel Church, and October 9, 1965, at Stoney Creek Church.

On motion, that we enroll Brother Roland Cherry as a member of our conference coming by letter from the Cape Fear Conference.

We have examined Brother DeWayne Eakes for ordination and have found him sound in doctrine and qualified for ordination. We, therefore, recommend him for ordination at our worship service October 14, 1965, at 10:30 a. m., and that his name be placed on our roll of ordained ministers.

We recommend that the name of Brother Everette Bryan be removed from our roll of ordained ministers as he has united with another denomination and has surrendered his credentials.

Albert T. Coates, *Secretary-Chairman*

1. We recommend to give Brother L. B. Woodall a letter of transfer to the Central Conference.

2. We recommend that Brother Douglas Johnson be relisted on the list of ordained ministers and that his credentials be restored. Brother Johnson apologized to you and your committee.

3. We recommend that Brother Joe H. Johnson be received pending a letter of transfer from the Eastern Conference.

4. We recommend that Brother Bruce Dudley be received pending a letter of transfer from the Eastern Conference.

5. We recommend that since Brother Daniel L. Rivers united with a church in Florida that we drop his name from our list.

REPORT OF BOARD OF MISSIONS

(October 1, 1964 to September 30, 1965)

Barnes Hill	\$
Branch Chapel	41.05
Black Jack Grove	
Calvary	
Edgemont	
Elwood Lane	
Everett Chapel	
Flood's Chapel	
Free Union	

Friendship	
Holly Springs	
Kenly	
Little Rock	25.00
Marsh Swamp	
Memorial Chapel	
Micro	
Milbournie	
Mt. Zion (Nash County)	
Mt. Zion (Wilson County)	
New Hope	
New Sandy Hill	
Northern	
People's Chapel	
Pine Level	
Pincy Grove	10.00
Pleasant Grove	
Pleasant Hill	
Pleasant Plain	
Rains' Cross Roads	
Rock Springs	
Rose Bud	
Selma	
Sherron Acres	
St. Mary's	13.16
Stancil's Chapel	15.00
Stoney Creek	56.15
Stony Hill	
Union Chapel	
Union Grove	
Watson Grove	
Wilson	
First Union Meeting	50.00
Second Union Meeting	

Total Receipts	\$210.37
Balance in Treasury October 1, 1964	281.40
Total for Which to Account	\$491.77

Disbursements

L. H. Boykin for Pastoral Supply at Union Chapel	\$360.00
General Expenses (Travel, Secretarial Supplies, Etc).	34.19

Total Disbursed	394.19
Balance in Treasury September 30, 1965	\$ 97.58

During the past year, the board of missions held two meetings. Its main activities centered around trying to revitalize the Union Chapel Church in Nash County (this work is now proceeding on a quarter-time basis), and in planning a mission in the bounds of the Western Conference. On October 5, R. H. Jackson and Wayne West investigated the mission potential in Louisburg, Henderson, Oxford, and north Raleigh. The most auspicious and impressive fields were Raleigh and Henderson. The wedge of Raleigh between U. S. 64 east, and U. S. 1 north, is a rapidly growing section with no churches at all. The West End district of Henderson is a mushrooming area with only one church. Further investigation will determine which will be the mission point. We submit the following recommendations: (1) That our people send in sufficient funds to start a mission in either in Henderson or the Raleigh area. (2) That our people pray diligently for missions in the Western Conference. (3) That the board of missions be given charge of the worship hour on the first day of the 1966 session of the Western Conference as a means of informing, inspiring, and encouraging our people concerning our work.

Respectfully submitted,
R. H. Jackson, *Chairman*
Wayne West, *Secretary*
H. M. Minchew, *Treasurer*
W. L. Poythress
Clyde Cox

Rev. Clyde Cox led in the closing song "How Marvelous."

Benediction by Rev. Lester Duncan.

THURSDAY MORNING

Rev. Clyde Cox led the congregation in singing "Jesus Is All the World to Me." Rev. Paul Jenkins led the morning devotions. Prayer by Rev. Robert N. Rollins. Vocal solo by Rev. Cox, "Unworthy." Rev. Jenkins read John 13:34, 35, for our meditation.

Roll call of officers and ministers.

Roll call of churches.

Rev. A. B. Bryan gave an oral report on missions which was received as information.

REPORT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

We thank you for the valuable support you gave this Children's Home last year. Our records show that during the year, ending August 31, 1965, we received a total of \$14,710.25 from individuals, churches, and other organizations of your district. (This includes gifts from all sources and for all purposes, and is the amount received in our office, but does not include funds that were en route at the close of August.) Forty-two of your churches were represented by these gifts.

In addition to the cash given by you during the year, many of you also

remembered this Home with coupons, food, linens, clothing, visits, prayers, and in many other ways. All of these have been very helpful and are deeply appreciated.

We now have seventy-eight children in our care. One other child has been approved for admission. Applications are pending for several children more than we will be able to care for.

The total number of children who have been admitted to this Home, since it was opened on May 23, 1920, is now 539. Applications have been made for many others who were worthy, but for whom we had no room. We need to enlarge our facilities if we are to serve all those who look to us and are worthy.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Our Golden Anniversary Development Program includes a building schedule that will provide the additional facilities needed to care for one hundred children.

We are happy to report that the building schedule mentioned above is now well underway. We have the new staff residence "closed in" and the new boys' cottage is almost framed. We hope to have this building "closed in" before bad weather sets in. We can then do the inside work during the fall and winter. We hope to have both of these buildings ready for use by the spring.

REPORT OF GIFTS THIS YEAR AND SUGGESTED QUOTAS FOR NEXT YEAR

The attached is a report of the gifts received from this district during last year and a listing of the suggested quotas for the year 1965-1966.

The suggested quotas are the same as those for 1964-1965. They are based upon our needs for general operating funds and to help reach the goals established in our Golden Anniversary Development Program. We hope to be able to complete the two new buildings now under construction and to carry out the other goals of our development program without a special building fund campaign. We also hope to do the above without the use of special building fund quotas, or the necessity of "going in debt."

Please try to reach your quotas—so we can reach our goals!

Respectfully submitted,
M. L. Johnson, *Superintendent*

The following is a report of gifts received from the Western Conference during the year 1964-1965 and the suggested quotas for the year 1965-1966. The quotas for 1965-1966 are based upon our needs to meet the goals established in our Golden Anniversary Development Program and our general operation for the year.

<i>Church</i>	<i>Gifts During 1964-1965</i>	<i>Suggested Quota 1965-1966</i>
Barnes Hill	\$ 237.71	\$ 250.00
Branch Chapel	522.22	750.00
Black Jack Grove	85.07	150.00
Calvary	327.47	500.00
Edgemont	247.75	300.00
Elwood Lane	181.59	300.00
Everett Chapel	190.77	325.00
Flood's Chapel	113.70	275.00
Free Union	76.77	350.00
Fremont	105.00	200.00
Friendship	715.16	800.00
Holly Springs	316.34	300.00
Kenly	400.00	600.00
Little Rock	325.00	500.00
Marsh Swamp	1,317.16	1,000.00
Memorial Chapel	10.00	75.00
Micro	160.00	700.00
Milbournie	484.01	350.00
Mount Zion (Nash Co.)	509.33	600.00
Mount Zion (Wilson Co.)	159.15	250.00
New Sandy Hill	113.55	250.00
New Hope		200.00
Northern	50.18	200.00
People's Chapel	474.06	600.00
Pine Level	590.28	750.00
Piney Grove	417.78	600.00
Pleasant Grove	717.59	1,000.00
Pleasant Hill	149.00	250.00
Pleasant Plains	362.05	600.00
Rains' Cross Roads	468.37	550.00
Rock Springs	72.00	200.00
Rose Bud	58.00	200.00
Selma	148.15	300.00
Sherron Acres	385.00	500.00
Spring Hill	200.00	250.00
Stancil's Chapel	483.34	500.00
St. Mary's	396.26	500.00
Stoney Creek	369.85	750.00
Stony Hill	80.63	200.00
Union Chapel	30.00	100.00
Union Grove	305.00	500.00
Watson's Grove	60.00	100.00

Wilson	1,574.46	1,200.00
Miscellaneous	720.50	1,125.00
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Totals	\$14,710.25	\$20,000.00

An offering was received for the Children's Home amounting to \$76.10. Offertory prayer was offered by Rev. R. H. Jackson.

An ordination service for DeWayne Eakes was held. Song by the congregation, "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us." Prayer by Rev. Albert Coates. Charge was made by Rev. Joseph Ingram, reading for a Scripture lesson, Matthew 10:16-28. Questions and answers by Rev. Coates. Prayer by Rev. W. E. Renfrow. Presentation of the Bible by Rev. Raymond Jones and presentation of certificate of ordination by Rev. Joseph Yates. The hand of fellowship was extended to Brother Eakes and ministers moving their membership to this conference.

REPORT OF MINISTERIAL CHARACTER BOARD

We recommend the following to this session of the Western Conference:

1. That the name of Allen Campbell be dropped from the ministerial roll of this conference and that his credentials be revoked.
2. That the name of Horace Medlin be dropped from the ministerial roll of this conference and that his credentials be revoked. This action being taken pursuant to the reception of signed charges against him.
3. That the name of John G. Walker be dropped from the ministerial roll of this conference because of nonattendance at the conference for two years in succession, and that his credentials be revoked.

Fred A. Rivenbark
C. F. Bowen
L. H. Boykin
L. B. Woodall
C. S. Hinnant

REPORT OF TREASURER (1964-1965)

Balance in Treasury	\$183.58
<i>Received at Conference</i>	
From Churches	498.00
Special Check for Missions	10.00
Mount Olive College	85.40
Children's Home	80.33
Cragmont—Lease on Floyd House	58.07
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Total to Account For	\$915.38

Paid Out

Secretary Expenses	\$56.75
Printing Programs	3.86
Board of Ordination Expenses	10.30
Three Bibles	34.05
Mount Olive College	85.40
Children's Home	80.33
Cragmont—Lease	58.07
Free Will Baptist Press, Printing Bulletins	4.17
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Total Paid Out	\$332.93

Balance in Treasury	\$582.45
Benediction by Rev. Fred Rivenbark.	

LUNCH

Rev. Dewey Boling led the afternoon devotions. Scripture reading from Matthew 12:33. Vocal solo by Rev. Clyde Cox, "It's not an Easy Road."

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We acknowledge that the meaning of the word *temperance* involves doing things in moderation and, also self-restraint in our conduct, expression, indulgence in the appetites, use of alcoholic beverages, etc. We further recognize that the total man includes the body, mind, and soul.

Therefore, since the Bible states, "And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things" (1 Corinthians 9:25), we recommend:

1. That our people learn to practice temperance in all things that affect either the body, mind, or soul.
2. That we urge our people to be very cautious in regards to their approach to the present "Civil Rights" movement, remembering the teachings of Jesus which should govern our relations with our fellowmen.
3. That our people be cautious in their use of the ballot box in their decisions on all moral issues.
4. That we encourage our people to "Abstain from all appearance of evil" (1 Thessalonians 5:22), and strive for spiritual perfection in obedience to the command of Jesus in Matthew 5:48, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

C. F. Bown, *Chairman*
C. D. Pierce Jr., *Secretary*
Lester Duncan

REPORT OF MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

In memory of those who have passed from early life to heaven's glory, the Western Conference extends its love and deep sympathy for the loyalty and faithful service of those who have labored untiringly of their time, talents, money, and most of all, for their church.

"They that serve God well, serve His creatures well."

LIFE

Not for itself but for a nobler end.

The Eternal gave it; and the end is virtue.

Those passing from our midst throughout this conference—for their loyal, faithful service they might have rendered were they here, would say to us "today":

"Lead on, O King Eternal, we follow not with fears:

For gladness breaks like morning where 'er Thy face appears:

Thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light;

The crown awaits the conquest; Lead on, O God of might."

Mrs. Felton Watson

Miss Imettie Raper

Mrs. Calvin Griffin

We stood for a moment of silent prayer which was closed with an oral prayer by Rev. M. L. Johnson.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, the resolutions committee, submit the following:

1. Whereas, Rev. M. L. Johnson has been closely involved in the Western Conference lawsuits in Raleigh and Durham;

Whereas, the above mentioned lawsuits are not finally settled;

Therefore, be it resolved that Rev. M. L. Johnson continue as Western Conference representative in the above mentioned lawsuits until they are judgmented and settled in the best possible interest of the Western Conference.

L. B. Woodall Jr.

R. H. Jackson

2. Be it resolved that this conference go on record as giving a rising vote of thanks and an expression of gratitude to the dedication and sacrificial work of the outgoing as well as remaining officers of this conference in the past five years.

Signed,

The Nominating Committee

3. Be it resolved that we extend a rising vote of thanks to the Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church for their most cordial welcome and hospitality shown to this conference during its 79th session.

Respectfully submitted,

Clyde Cox

L. H. Boykin

C. S. Hinnant

FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Total Number of Delegates	64
Western Conference Ministers	39
Visiting Ministers	12
Church Represented by Counties (according to letters)	
Cabarrus	1
Durham	3
Johnston	9
Nash	4
Wayne	5
Wilson	7
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Total	29
Money Sent to Conference	\$ 493.00
Paid Pastors	\$ 94,845.72
Missions	\$ 7,051.32
Children's Home	\$ 12,095.60
Children's Home Collection at Conference	\$ 76.10
Education	\$ 17,576.27
Other Purposes	\$ 148,211.42
Total Raised for Year	\$ 305,911.47
Number Members	7,304
Baptized	232
Average Sunday School Attendance	4,867
Died	80
Number Members of Woman's Auxiliary	880
Total Value of Church Property	\$1,787,250.00

Jimmy A. Hodges
Frank Harrison

A report of the nominating committee was given. (See officers and boards elected.)

A report of the condition of Piney Grove Church was given by Rev. R. N. Hinnant.

The executive committee was asked to execute a previous motion to alter the church letter.

By motion, \$50 be donated to the Children's Home to be placed on the Honor Roll in memory of its founders.

Motion to adjourn.

Benediction by Rev. Romie Mitchell.

Closing song, the "Doxology."

