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OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1966-1967

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dewey Boling, Chairman
R. H. Jackson, Vice-Chairman
R. H. Hinnant, Secretary
Luther Bissette, Treasurer
M. L. Johnson, at Large

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

R. H. Hinnant, Chairman	1969
Jimmie Barfield	1970
James Joyner	1968
F. A. Morris	1967
Paul Jenkins	1971

BOARD OF ORDINATION

Raymond Jones, Chairman	1969
W. E. Renfrow	1971
Joe Ingram	1967
Albert T. Coates	1968
Joseph C. Yates	1970

BOARD OF MINISTERIAL CHARACTER

F. A. Rivenbark, Chairman	1969
James B. Hunt	1971
L. H. Boykin	1967
C. F. Bowen	1968
Bruce Dudley	1970

BOARD OF MISSIONS

R. H. Jackson, Chairman	1969
R. C. Cherry	1971
Hilery Minchew	1967
Wayne West	1968
Clyde Cox	1970

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Jimmy Hodges	1967
Frank Ray Harrison	1968
Henry Barfield III	1969
Joe Johnson	1970
Billy Yawn	1971

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.
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, 907 W. Waddell Street, Selma, N. C.
Albert T. Coates, Route 1, Box 300, Smithfield, N. C.
Dec Bissette, Route 2, Bailey, N. C.
R. H. Jackson, Route 1, Sims, N. C.
Billy R. Yawn, 502 Boling Street, Clayton, 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.
Jimmy A. Hodges, Route 1, 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 275, Lucama, N. C.
W. G. Boykin, Raleigh, N. C. (Superannuated)
Lester Duncan, 213 Dewey Street, Wilson, N. C.
Henry Barfield III, 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, Box 246, Pikeville, N. C.
Roland C. Cherry, 614 Clark Avenue, Wilson, N. C.
Douglas Johnson, Box 528, Clayton, N. C.
DeWayne Eakes
Joe H. Johnson, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.
L. L. Therrell, 606 Holly Avenue, Kannapolis, N. C.
Wiley Ferrell, 608 Tower Street, Selma, N. C.

LICENTIATES

R. L. Moore, 570 East Front Street, Clayton, N. C.
William L. Dale, Route 7, Goldsboro, N. C.
Walter Bass, Route 2, Pikeville, N. C.
Ray Wells, Wilson, N. C.
Ray Brown, Middlesex, N. C.
Walton Parrish, Route 2, Kenly, N. C.
Harry Brown

VISITING MINISTERS

Central Conference—R. W. Allman, J. W. Pittman, Edgar Benton, J. W. Everton, W. L. Poythress, Robert Rollins, Noah Brown, Edmund Gonzales, and C. L. Patrick.

Eastern Conference—Harry A. Jones, D. W. Hansley, and Carol Hansley.

Cape Fear Conference—Walter Reynolds.

Albemarle Conference—A. B. Bryan.

CHURCHES, COUNTIES, AND PASTORS FOR 1966-1967

CABARRUS COUNTY

Elwood Lane—H. Paul Jenkins
New Hope—

DURHAM COUNTY

Edgemont—Raymond E. Jones
Northern—Harry Brown
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—
Pine Level—Clyde Cox
Piney Grove—N. D. Wiggs
Pleasant Plain—J. B. Starnes
Rains' Cross Roads—Supply
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—N. D. Wiggs

WAYNE COUNTY

Black Jack Grove—Luby C. Tyner
Pleasant Grove—Bruce Dudley
Pleasant Hill—Henry Barfield III
Spring Hill—William L. Dale
Stoney Creek—Joseph H. Ingram
Union Grove—R. P. 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—D. C. Boling
Mt. Zion—Royster Martin
New Sandy Hill—Charles Morgan
People's Chapel—Swade Benson
Rose Bud—Edgar 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 Ann Street, 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, P. O. 11123, East 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, Route 1, Middlesex, N. C.
Holly Springs—C. M. Atkinson, Route 2, Kenly, N. C.
Kenly—Bobby Pope, Box 92, Kenly, N. C.
Micro—Mrs. Carl Bagley, Route 3, Selma, N. C.
Pine Level—Alton White, Box 126, Pine Level, N. C.

Piney Grove—Mrs. Mildred Bridgers, Route 1, Kenly, N. C.
Pleasant Plain—L. S. Griffin, Route 2, Selma, N. C.
Rains' Cross Roads—Mrs. Archie Parrish, Princeton, N. C.
Selma—Mrs. Rouse Coats, 211 East 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 1, Spring Hope, N. C.
Free Union—H. C. Morgan, Route 2, Spring Hope, N. C.
Memorial Chapel—Mrs. Henry W. Mitchell, Route 2, 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. Mable 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., Route 2, Fremont, N. C.

WILSON COUNTY

Calvary—Mrs. Nannie Murray, Route 4, 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.
Milbournie—Miss Kathryn Lamm, Route 2, Box 621, Wilson, N. C.
Mt. Zion—Evel Boykin, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.
New Sandy Hill—Mrs. Frances Hall, Route 1, Sims, N. C.
People's Chapel—Miss Edna Wells, Route 2, Box 101-A, Elm City,
N. C.
Rose Bud—Mrs. Judy Griffin, Route 4, Wilson, N. C.
St. Mary's—Eugene Williamson, Route 3, Box 295, Wilson, N. C.
Watson's 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 eightieth annual session of the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with Memorial Chapel Church, Nash County, October 12, 13, 1966.

The conference was opened by singing "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms." Devotions were conducted by Rev. H. M. Minchew. Scripture reading, Matthew 13:51-56, and prayer by Rev. M. L. Johnson.

A hearty welcome was extended to all by the superintendent of the Home, and response by Rev. R. H. Jackson.

ROLL CALL OF MINISTERS

Ministers present first day: R. N. Hinnant, L. H. Boykin, Romie Mitchell, D. C. Boling, L. S. Joyner, H. Paul Jenkins, W. E. Renfrow, Milton Davis, M. L. Johnson, Jasper Edwards, W. L. Poythress, H. M. Minchew, J. C. Yates, G. Herman Griffin, Albert T. Coates, Edmund Gonzales, Dee Bissette, R. H. Jackson, Joseph H. Ingram, Jimmie L. Barfield, Charles Morgan, Raymond E. Jones, James V. Joyner, Fred A. Rivenbark, Harold Jones, Jimmy A. Hodges, C. F. Bowen, Frank R. Harrison, Henry Barfield III, Lester Duncan (by letter), Clyde W. Cox, Bruce Dudley, Roland C. Cherry, Douglas Johnson, Joe H. Johnson, L. L. Therrell.

Ministers present second day: R. N. Hinnant, L. H. Boykin, Milford Hales, Romie Mitchell, D. C. Boling, L. S. Joyner, H. Paul Jenkins, W. E. Renfrow, M. L. Johnson, W. L. Poythress, Felton Johnson, Albert T. Coates, Dee Bissette, R. H. Jackson, Billy R. Yawn, Joseph H. Ingram, Earl Minchew, Jimmie L. Barfield, Raymond E. Jones, James V. Joyner, Fred A. Rivenbark, Billy Ray Jordan, C. F. Bowen, N. D. Wiggs, Frank R. Harrison, Henry Barfield III, Clyde W. Cox, Bruce Dudley, Roland C. Cherry, L. L. Therrell, Wiley Ferrell.

Roll call of churches. (See statistical table.)

Remarks by the moderator, Rev. D. C. Boling.

The Rev. J. W. Everton, president of the North Carolina State Convention, was present and brought greetings to the conference from the convention.

Oral reports of the Free Will Baptist Press were given by Revs. R. N. Hinnant and Walter Reynolds.

REPORT OF MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Greetings:

Mount Olive College is happy to make this report on its stewardship and progress to the Western Conference.

1. *Enrollment.* An all-time record of 362 students are enrolled for the fall semester. This number represents an increase of 32 over one year ago. Free Will Baptist high school seniors are encouraged to file their applications now for the 1967-68 school year.

2. *Financial Assistance.* A broad program of financial aid is available to worthy and needy students in the form of academic scholarships, part-time employment, music scholarships, loans, summer work, and grant-in-aid to ministerial students. Financial assistance during the 1966-67 school year will exceed \$45,000. Mount Olive College is a door of educational opportunity for all qualified Free Will Baptist young people. Scholarships to graduates of the Children's Home are offered.

3. *Financial Support.* Gift from the Western Conference during the 1965-66 fiscal year totaled \$22,061.47. For the current year, quotas totaling \$26,000 have been submitted to the various churches, and it is requested that the Western Conference accept this goal of \$26,000 and recommend to its churches that they put forth a concentrated effort to meet their recommended quotas. The college expresses its deepest appreciation to all its friends in the Western Conference for their support in helping to provide Christian higher education for our youth.

4. *Development Program.* During the past year, the construction of the Henderson Academic Building and the Dormitory Complex have been completed and these two buildings are now in use. These buildings and the new 90-acre campus represent an investment of \$1.1 million.

Architectural plans are now being prepared for the next building, a library, on which construction is scheduled to begin next spring. To assure the success of this project, gifts to the development fund in the amount of \$100,000 are being sought. A series of development fund dinners is being held across the state for this purpose. Dinners involving churches in the Western Conference are as follows:

<i>County</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Chairman</i>
Nash County	November 9	Miss Doris Deans
Johnston County	November 14	The Rev. Fred Powers
Wilson County	November 15	J. B. Hunt and Gray Boswell

An offering was received for Mount Olive College amounting to \$57.21. Singing by the congregation: "He Hideth My Soul."

The introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. J. C. Yates. His sermon was based on Romans 10:12-21.

Benediction and grace for the noonday meal by Rev. D. W. Hensley.

L U N C H

The hymn, "Take Time to Be Holy," was sung by the congregation; then Rev. Bruce Dudley conducted the afternoon devotions, the Scripture reading taken from 1 Corinthians 1:1-9.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Resolutions—Fred Rivenbark, Ray Brown, and L. L. Therrell.

Temperance—Clyde Cox, Roland Cherry, and James Joyner.

Memorial—Mrs. Luther Bissette, Charles Barnes, and Romie Mitchell

Nominating—H. Paul Jenkins, L. H. Boykin, J. C. Yates, R. H. Jackson, and F. A. Morris.

A partial report of the credential committee was given as follows:

We, the credentials committee, make the following report for October 12, 1966:

Ministers Present	37
Delegates Present	60
Visiting Ministers	11
Total with Voting Privileges	97

We recommend that those who have registered with the credentials committee as delegates and ministers of this Western Conference be seated with full privileges.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Harrison

Jimmy A. Hodges

Henry Barfield III

Joe H. Johnson

REPORT OF MISSION BOARD

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

This, the Western Conference Mission Board, has again helped Union Chapel in paying \$15 per month on the pastor's salary. Rev. L. H. Boykin has been serving them as pastor.

The challenge for mission work in the establishing of new churches in the bounds of the Western Conference is great. In fact, greater than the board can handle without your prayers and financial support.

May we continue to urge you to pray for missions and work for missions in the Western Conference area as well as on the state and foreign level.

Send all conference mission funds to Rev. H. M. Minchew, Route 1, Kenly, North Carolina.

MISSION BOARD TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1965-1966

Balance in Treasury October 14, 1965 \$ 98.39

Money Received for Past Year

Received from First Union Meeting	\$55.00
Received from Second Union Meeting	5.00
Received from Stoney Creek Church	31.30
Received from St. Mary's Church	32.69
Received from Stancil's Chapel Sunday School	5.00
Received from Branch Chapel Church	47.04

Total Receipts for the Year 176.03

Total to Account For \$274.42

Paid Out for the Year of 1965-1966

Paid Rev. L. H. Boykin for Mission Work	\$180.00
Paid Traveling Expenses, Postages, etc.	25.30

Total Paid Out for the Year 1965-1966	205.30
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Balance in Treasury Up to Date	\$ 69.12
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H. M. Minchew, *Treasurer*

Rev. A. B. Bryan was present and gave a report on the state mission work.

Listed below are the contributions given to the State Convention Mission Program for the years 1964-65 and 1965-66 by the Western Conference. The totals for 1964-65 do not include the gifts by the woman's auxiliaries of the conference, but the 1965-66 totals do not include the woman's auxiliaries gifts. It is possible that we have made a mistake in your account. If so, please notify us and we will gladly change the records. Otherwise the record speaks for us.

Our appreciation goes to each person who had a part in missions giving this past year. Can you top this total for the next report?

<i>Churches</i>	<i>Gifts for 1964-65</i>	<i>Gifts for 1965-66</i>
Branch Chapel	\$ 43.06	\$ 58.17
Black Jack Grove		35.00
Barnes Hill	4.00	14.00
Calvary	125.29	115.62
Edgemont	93.70	123.37
Elwood Lane	340.00	267.02
Everett Chapel	104.73	29.64
First, Wilson	1,310.00	731.00
Flood's Chapel	4.00	60.88
Free Union		10.15
Fremont	155.00	
Friendship	35.00	42.14
Holly Springs	4.00	76.83
Kenly	40.75	229.60
Little Rock		25.00
Marsh Swamp	414.37	492.05
Memorial Chapel	13.10	
Micro	15.00	120.00
Milbournie	55.17	32.32
Mt. Zion (Nashville)	49.45	124.00
Mt. Zion (Kenly)		28.00
New Hope		
New Sandy Hill		8.00
Northern		
People's Chapel	270.00	795.10

Pine Level	140.86	151.41
Pleasant Grove	158.00	164.48
Piney Grove	311.57	130.20
Pleasant Hill	106.00	85.00
Pleasant Plains	55.94	68.49
Rains' Cross Roads	150.00	74.93
Rose Bud	3.00	35.48
Rock Springs	33.00	16.00
Sherron Acres	50.00	274.75
Selma		70.00
Spring Hill		3.00
Stancil's Chapel	20.00	56.00
Stoney Creek	1,558.78	1,151.26
St. Mary's	230.64	182.53
Stony Hill	45.00	
Union Chapel		
Union Grove	95.00	180.00
Watson's Grove		
Other Churches and Individuals	233.50	250.84
Western Grand Total	\$6,267.91	\$6,312.26

REPORT OF THE WESTERN CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We have attended to all routine business which has come before us during the year.

At the invitation of both factions involved, we have labored with the Elwood Lane Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis in attempts to help settle a local controversy. At the present time, this matter has not been settled and is still pending. We plan to continue in our efforts to reach a satisfactory settlement and make a final report at a later time.

Respectfully submitted,

Dewey B. Boling, *Moderator*

R. N. Hinnant, *Secretary*

R. H. Jackson

Luther E. Bissette

M. L. Johnson

It was moved and carried that the property of Union Chapel church be investigated by the trustees and said property be disposed of as the law allows.

An oral report was made by Rev. M. L. Johnson concerning Edgemont church. A final report to be made at a later date.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF CHURCHES, DELEGATES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Churches	County	Yearly Meeting	Regular Meetings	Raised for Missions	Raised for Children's Home	Raised for Education	Other Purposes	Paid Pastor	Total Funds Raised	Number Members	Baptized	Died	Sunday School	Auxiliary	Church Property	Conference	Delegates	
Elwood Lane	Cabarrus	August	Full Time	\$ 247	\$ 444	\$ 258	\$ 6,317	\$4,240	\$11,769	167	1	1	128	20	\$100,000	\$10.00	Mrs. Lee Therrell, Miss Ruby Wagner	
Edgemont	Durham	October	Full Time	122	158		21	4,380	11,038	173	6	4	105	20		10.00	Mrs. Dora Joyner, Mrs. Grace Jones	
Northern	Durham	December	Full Time		60			2,400		127	4		43	10	50,000	5.00	Roger Rhew, Lonnie Ellis	
Sherron Acres	Durham	September	Full Time	228	378	106		6,305	18,844	371	21	6	219	24	140,000	10.00	Mrs. C. R. Hicks, Mrs. F. A. Rivenbark, Mrs. T. R. Register	
Branch Chapel	Johnston	August	Second-Fourth	100	604	221	203	1,800	5,144	283	1	2	130	20	20,000	15.00	Marion Bailey and Wife, R. L. Moore	
Everett Chapel	Johnston	January	Full Time	52	287	200	7,911	4,200	12,641	208	3	2	180	24	87,500	10.00	C. E. Pollard	
Friendship	Johnston	August	Second-Fourth	34	590	580	4,397	2,100	7,601	180	1		96	33	42,000	10.00	Mrs. Thyra Glover, Mrs. Emma Moden	
Holly Springs	Johnston	October	First-Third	46	207	286	925	1,500	2,986	198	2	2	102	28	75,000	12.50	Mrs. Alice Weaver, Mrs. Elzie Creech	
Kenly	Johnston	August	Full Time	137	327	499	5,288	4,470	10,322	137	16	8	168	30	39,500	25.00	Mrs. Victoria Watson, Mrs. Cora Whaley, Mrs. Moro Hinnant	
Micro	Johnston	August	Second-Fourth	100	300	556	2,156	1,200	5,632	150	1		125	25	50,000	20.00	Wilbert Fitzgerald and Wife	
Pine Level	Johnston	August	Full Time	160	425	913	2,843	5,000	9,341	330	1	3	180	35	78,000	10.00	Omega Starling, Sadie B. Peedin	
Piney Grove	Johnston	October	Second-Fourth	186	173	197	455	2,265	4,322	240	1	5	135	14	20,000	10.00	Mrs. Lucy Jones, Mrs. Eunice Bass	
Pleasant Plain	Johnston	September	Second-Fourth	81	381	267	4,431	2,100	7,251	156	0	0	96	21	34,000	10.00	Artis Brown and Wife	
Rains' Cross Roads	Johnston	August	First-Third	200	325	376	2,051	2,500	5,452	220	2	4	150	28	35,000	15.00	Mrs. Ella Boyette, Mrs. Corena Williams	
Selma	Johnston	June	Full Time	70	50			3,900	6,005	155	8	2	90	28		10.00		
Stancil's Chapel	Johnston	August	First-Third	67	577	279	1,529	1,500	3,953	167	5	4	135	28	10,500	8.00	Paul Batten, Elbert Batten	
Barnes Hill	Nash	February	Second-Fourth	14	165	152	229	1,265	1,822	77	0	1	80	16	8,000	10.00	C. J. Barnes	
Flood's Chapel	Nash	October	Second-Fourth	80	158	222	953	830	2,245	56	4	1	45	12	20,000	10.00		
Free Union	Nash	August	First-Third	100	200	161	2,850	1,500	4,811	70	0	1	64	18	20,000	10.00	H. C. Morgan	
Memorial Chapel	Nash		First-Third	5	50			240	55	70	3		90			5.00	Henry W. Mitchell	
Mt. Zion	Nash	September	Second-Fourth	159	587	515	5,605	1,500	8,418	176	0	0	120	25	25,000	25.00	Earl Bass and Wife	
Rock Spring	Nash	September	First-Third	18	46	115	1,739	1,325	3,243	50	2	0	80	11	12,500	10.00	Mrs. Luther Bisette	
Stony Hill	Nash	July	First-Third		109		767	1,200	2,078	87	3	60			15,000	10.00		
Black Jack Grove	Wayne	April	First-Third	32	95	20	313	1,230	4,192	82	10		112		14,000	5.00		
Pleasant Grove	Wayne	August	First-Third	201	805	1,352	3,979	1,800	8,189	220	0	4	171	39	75,000	40.00	Mr. Rufus Hare and Wife, Mrs. Irwin Rowe	
Pleasant Hill	Wayne	August	First-Third	85	207	308	2,555	1,145	4,301	124	2	2	91	15	35,000	10.00	Mrs. Marvin Bunn	
Spring Hill	Wayne	August	First-Third	3	50	100		1,200	4,028	57	0	1	45	11	20,000	10.00		
Stoney Creek	Wayne	October	Full Time	1,376	321	887	14,693	3,825	21,102	251	14	2	280	54	143,500	10.00	Mrs. Mary Lou Grantham, Mrs. Lula Gardner, Mrs. Mary Summerlin	
Union Grove	Wayne	September	Second-Fourth	120	100	600		1,540	6,034	178	2	1	116	48	52,000	15.00	F. A. Morris and Wife	
Calvary	Wilson	August	Full Time	135	232	110		4,505	8,354	128	18	1	150	30	30,000	5.00	Mrs. R. C. Cherry, Mrs. Don Bailey	
First Church, Wilson	Wilson	September	Full Time	700	1,582	1,005		5,720	32,797	572	22	5	313	68	160,000	20.00	Mrs. W. L. Poysthress	
Little Rock	Wilson	September	Full Time	153	549	1,329		3,664	4,320	10,016	311	9	315	40	77,600	15.00	Mrs. Braxton Jones, Mrs. Millard Watson, Miss Emmett Raper	
Marsh Swamp	Wilson	September	Full Time	441	888	1,870		8,009	4,810	11,336	337	9	170	30	60,000	15.00	Raiford Fulghum and Wife, Mrs. Claudia Fulghum, Mrs. Winnie Hinton	
Milbournie	Wilson	May	Full Time	18	246	64		5,845	3,600	9,774	161	3	132	20	51,000	10.00	Bill Glover and Wife	
Mt. Zion	Wilson		Second-Fourth	10				5,200	1,500	7,750	179	0	0	100	24	15,000	10.00	Felton Boykin
New Sandy Hill	Wilson	April	First-Third	8	239	17		5,639	1,200	7,104	149	7	0	109	14	35,000	5.00	
People's Chapel	Wilson	September	Full Time	857	827	128		5,051	2,520	9,385	184	6	4	80	18	25,000	10.00	Clarence Perry, Jimmie Winstead
Rose Bud	Wilson	September	Full Time	54	14	97		872	1,880	2,753	105	7	1	60	18	17,500	5.00	
St. Mary's	Wilson	September	Full Time	197	529	634		5,476	4,423	11,242	286	9	3	149	25	90,000	7.50	Odell Howell, Hubert Narron, Ruby Narron
Watson's Grove	Wilson		First-Third	19	60			178		262	13		20		1,000	5.00	Letter	
First Union Meeting				150	200	460	125		1,140	5,000			4,500	600		25.00		
Second Union Meeting																10.00		

REPORT OF SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Greetings:

We are glad for the privilege to make this report to the Western Conference for the year 1965-1966:

1. We have nine ministers who receive regular pension checks, of this number five (5) are from the Western Conference.

2. We have 17 ministers' widows who receive regular quarterly pension checks, of this number four (4) are from the Western Conference.

3. Contributions made by the conference to superannuation:

a. Churches	\$1,519.11
b. Sunday Schools	441.40
c. Auxiliaries	12.00
d. Individuals	2,808.31
e. Unions	60.00

Total	\$4,840.82
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4. The budget for 1966-1967 is \$20,000 based on 75¢ per member of the churches of this state.

5. October is Superannuation Month. Please send all superannuation funds to: Walter Reynolds, Box 474, Ayden, North Carolina 28513.

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*

Motion to adjourn.

The congregation sang: "Take the Name of Jesus With You," and benediction by Rev. Edgar Benton.

THURSDAY MORNING

Rev. Clyde Cox led the congregation in "Break Thou the Bread of Life." Devotions were conducted by Rev. Frank Harrison, reading as a Scripture lesson, John 14:6. Solo by Rev. Clyde Cox.

Roll call of officers, ministers, and churches.

"I Will Sing the Wondrous Story," was sung by the congregation.

REPORT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Greetings:

We thank you for your continued support to this Children's Home during the past year. Our records show that during the year, ending August 31, 1966, we received a total of \$16,629.83 from individuals, churches, and other organizations of your district. This is an increase of \$1,938.58 over the previous year. (This includes gifts for all purposes and is the amount actually received in our office, but does not include funds that were en route at the close of August.)

We also thank you for your additional support in the form of coupons, food, linens, clothing, and especially your personal interest and your prayers. All of these have been very helpful and are deeply appreciated.

We now have eighty-two children at the Home—forty girls and forty-two boys. We also have six graduates in higher education who are being assisted through our Higher Education Aid Program. We also have six definite applications for admission now being processed.

The total number of children who have been admitted to this Home since it was opened on May 23, 1920, is now 553.

Our Building Program: We are happy to report that the building schedule established in our Golden Anniversary Development Program is progressing satisfactorily. We are now enjoying the two new buildings which have been built under this program. They are meeting a great need that existed for a long time. However the addition of our new cottage for older boys makes us realize all the more just how badly we need a similar building for our older girls. It also makes our girls more anxious to see this building started. We realize this is a very urgent need and we sincerely hope to be able to complete this building in 1967. We have some funds on hand for this purpose and hope gifts received this fall will enable us to begin the second phase of our building program soon after the first of 1967.

Report of Gifts this Year and Suggested Quotas for Next Year: Following is a report of the gifts received from this district during last year and a listing of the suggested quotas for the year 1966-1967.

The suggested quotas are the same as those for 1965-1966. 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 continue our building program—and to reach the other goals of our development program—without a special building fund campaign. We also hope to do this without the use of special building fund quotas, or the necessity of “going in debt.”

If our people will maintain their gifts to this Home at the same level they established last year, we can do the above. Please help your church reach its suggested quota.

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

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. Johnson, *Superintendent*

GIFTS TO CHILDREN'S HOME

<i>Churches</i>	<i>Gifts During 1965-1966</i>	<i>Suggested Quota 1966-1967</i>
Barnes Hill	\$ 268.19	\$ 250.00
Black Jack Grove	100.00	150.00

Branch Chapel	784.48	750.00
Calvary	192.87	500.00
Edgemont	248.11	300.00
Elwood Lane	444.80	300.00
Everett Chapel	300.83	325.00
Flood's Chapel	158.24	275.00
Free Union	131.36	350.00
Freemont	130.00	200.00
Friendship	753.40	800.00
Holly Springs	365.00	300.00
Kenly	462.12	600.00
Little Rock	564.01	500.00
Marsh Swamp	1,153.34	1,000.00
Memorial Chapel	63.00	75.00
Micro	450.00	700.00
Milbournie	381.02	350.00
Mount Zion, Nash County	507.95	600.00
Mount Zion, Wilson County	131.74	250.00
New Hope	10.00	200.00
New Sandy Hill	182.27	250.00
Northern	45.00	200.00
People's Chapel	929.85	600.00
Pine Level	604.56	750.00
Piney Grove	392.66	600.00
Pleasant Grove	835.00	1,000.00
Pleasant Hill	207.61	250.00
Pleasant Plains	448.90	600.00
Rains' Cross Roads	248.37	550.00
Rock Springs	73.02	200.00
Rose Bud	48.07	200.00
Selma	154.24	300.00
Sherron Acres	363.00	500.00
Spring Hill		250.00
Stancil's Chapel	546.24	500.00
St. Mary's	508.94	500.00
Stoney Creek	400.14	750.00
Stony Hill	114.00	200.00
Union Chapel	1.00	100.00
Union Grove	265.00	500.00
Watson's Grove	60.00	100.00
Wilson	1,582.46	1,200.00
Miscellaneous	1,019.04	1,125.00
Totals	\$16,629.83	\$20,000.00

An offering was received for the Children's Home in the amount of \$42.75.

REPORT OF BOARD OF ORDINATION

The Western Conference Board of Ordination beg to report as follows:

The board held four meetings this church year: December 6, 1965, at Selma, North Carolina; January 7, 1966 at Stancil's Chapel; June 2, 1966, at Edgemont; and October 8, 1966, at Saint Mary's.

1. We recommend the following names be added to our roll of licentiates:

Brother R. L. Moore of Everett Chapel church.
Brother William L. Dale of Stoney Creek church.
Brother Walter Bass of Fremont, Chapel church.
Brother Ray Wells of Calvary church.
Brother Ray Brown of Rock Springs church.
Brother Walton Parrish of Stancil's Chapel church.

2. We recommend that we receive Brother L. L. Therrell, subject to a letter of transfer from the Piedmont Conference.

3. We recommend that we receive Brother Harry Brown as a licentiate by letter of transfer from the Central Conference.

4. We recommend a letter of transfer be granted to Brothers W. L. Poythress, Emund Gonzales, and Harold Jones to unite with the Central Conference.

5. On motion, we ask all incoming ministers to clear themselves with the ordaining council as soon as possible after accepting a pastorate in our conference.

6. On motion, we ask for permission to conduct ordination services in the candidate's home church, when so requested by that church.

7. We recommend that the conference reimburse Brother Joseph C. Yates for expense of our board in the amount of \$8.24, and the Free Will Baptist Press in the amount of \$1.32 for supplies.

8. We recommend Brother Wiley Ferrell be received, subject to a letter from Cape Fear Conference.

The congregation sang "To the Work," followed with prayer by Rev. Joseph C. Yates. Rev. Albert T. Coates sang, "God Understands."

Since there were no candidates to be ordained, a message was delivered by Rev. Raymond Jones, using Luke 10:1-9 as a basis for his message.

Transferring ministers and licentiates were extended a hand of welcome. Prayer by Rev. W. E. Renfrow.

Benediction by Rev. Wiley Ferrell.

LUNCH

Singing, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder," by the congregation.

Afternoon devotions were conducted by Rev. Jimmie L. Barfield. Scripture readings taken from Romans 1:16 and Psalm 78:41.

By motion, the moderator and clerk to investigate Fremont church as to why they did not represent to the conference.

The ministerial character board stated there was no report to make since all ministers were in good standing.

Final report of credentials committee, October 13, 1966.

Delegates	70
Churches	41
Ministers	41
Visiting Ministers	14
Money Sent to Conference	\$ 493.00
Paid Pastors	\$ 99,938.65
Missions	\$ 6,762.98
Children's Home	\$ 13,555.73
Education	\$ 14,884.20
Other Purposes	\$ 104,725.70
Total Raised	\$ 276,835.92
Members	7,090
Baptized	206
Average Sunday School Attendance	4,842
Died	80
Woman's Auxiliary Members	872
Value Church Property	\$1,818,600.00
Raised for Cragmont	\$ 1,276.44
League Attendance	457

REPORT OF MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The audience was requested to stand for prayer in memory of Rev. G. C. Joyner, led by Rev. Romie Mitchell.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. Resolved that we give Memorial Chapel at the Children's Home, a rising vote of thanks as an expression of our appreciation of their kind hospitality shown to this conference.

2. Whereas, it is confusing at having different starting times for the morning sessions of the conference; therefore, be it resolved that the morning sessions begin both days at 9:30 a. m.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT—1965-66

Balance Brought Forward	\$ 582.45
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Receipts

From Churches	493.00
For Mount Olive College	56.10
For Children's Home	76.10

Total to Account For	\$1,207.65
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Paid Out

Secretary and Expenses	\$ 75.00
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Mount Olive College	56.10
Bible to DeWayne Eakes	11.36
Children's Home	76.10
Minutes for 1963, 1964, and 1965	566.50
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Total Paid Out	785.05
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Balance in Treasury	\$ 422.60

REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, your committee on temperance, wish to submit the following report:

Whereas, the beer and liquor industries have played up their drink of alcohol as having no evil effect, but rather trying to portray its beauty and harmlessness through our papers, magazines, radios, and television:

Therefore, we urge upon every minister and layman to use equal vigor from the pulpit and whethersoever opportunity avails itself to portray the bad and evil effect which are the consequence of indulgence;

And whereas, we are faced with the possibility of open bars and the sale of liquor by the drink in the state of North Carolina and in our local communities; and whereas, that advocates of open bars are making special efforts to gain political action to achieve their purpose; and whereas, the true facts of the effect of liquor by the drink are being misstated in advertisements—

Be it resolved: That we, the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, go on records as continuing in opposition to the sale of alcoholic beverages in any form.

We also plead with the churches and each individual member to return to the basic principles set forth in our church covenant, which states:

“We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.”

Respectfully submitted,

Clyde Cox
Roland C. Cherry
James V. Joyner

By motion, it shall be optional with the church entertaining the sessions of the conference, to furnish the noonday meal or to have a caterer.

By motion, any unfinished business be referred to the executive committee.

Closing devotions by Rev. F. A. Rivenbark and closing hymn "God Be with You."

Benediction by Rev. Rivenbark.

D. C. Boling, *Moderator*

R. N. Hinnant, *Clerk*

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: Credential 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 ($2/3$) 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.

CHURCH LETTER

TO

WESTERN CONFERENCE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Date....., 19.....

1. Name of church
County
2. Delegates
3. Pastor of church (next year)
4. Clerk
Address
5. Money sent to conference \$.....
6. What month do you hold your yearly meeting?
7. What Sunday in the month do you have services?
8. Since last conference how much have you (1) paid pastor \$.....;
(2) raised for missions \$.....; (3) raised for orphanage \$.....;
(4) raised for education \$.....; (5) other purposes \$.....;
(6) total raised for year \$.....
9. Condition of church: (1) number of members.....; (2) baptized
since last conference.....; (3) average Sunday school atten-
dance.....; (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.

