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OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1968-1969

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. N. Hinnant, Secretary
 Luther Bissette, Treasurer
 James Joyner, At Large

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

R. N. Hinnant, Chairman	1969
Jimmy Barfield	1970
Paul Jenkins	1971
F. A. Morris	1972
L. S. Joyner	1973

BOARD OF ORDINATION

Raymond Jones, Chairman	1969
Clyde Cox	1970
W. E. Renfrow	1971
Joe Ingram	1972
Royster Martin	1973

BOARD OF MINISTERIAL CHARACTER

J. C. Yates, Chariman	1969
Lester Duncan	1970
James B. Hunt	1971
L. H. Boykin	1972
R. C. Cherry	1973

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Henry Barfield III	1969
Joe Johnson	1970
Billy Yawn	1971
Jimmy Hodges	1972
Charles Morgan	1973

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. (Disabled)
 D. C. Boling, 712 E. Horne Street, Clayton, N. C.
 L. S. Joyner, 1220 Lynn Road, 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.
 Luby C. Tyner, 907 W. Waddell Street, Selma, N. C.
 Albert T. Coates, Route 1, Box 300, Smithfield, N. C.
 Dee Bisette, Route 2, Bailey, N. C.
 R. H. Jackson, Route 1, Sims, N. C.
 Billy R. Yawn, Route 1, Box 277, Clayton, N. C.
 Joseph H. Ingram, Route 2, Box 56, 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, Route 2, Box 489, Goldsboro, N. C.
 James V. Joyner, Box 487, Kenly, N. C.
 Jimmy A. Hodges, Route 1, Concord, N. C.
 C. F. Bowen, 1731 Hillcrest Drive, Wilson, N. C.
 N. D. Wiggs, Route 7, Kinston, 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 111, Route 7, 200 Forrest Circle, Goldsboro, N. C.
 Clyde W. Cox, Box 307, Pine Level, N. C.
 Roland C. Cherry, Micro, N. C.
 Douglas Johnson, Box 528, Clayton, N. C.
 Joe H. Johnson, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.
 L. L. Therrell, 606 Holly Avenue, Kannapolis, N. C.
 R. L. Moore, 570 East Front Street, Clayton, N. C.
 Edgar Benton, Route 2, Fremont, N. C.
 Harry Brown, Route 1, Box 103, Bahama, N. C.
 William L. Dale, Route 7, Box 351, Goldsboro, N. C.
 Walter V. Bass, Route 2, Box 113, Pikeville, N. C.
 DeWayne Eakes, Route 7, Goldsboro, N. C.
 Wayne West, Route 1, Vanceboro, N. C.
 William E. Futch, Route 1, Box 57-A, Kenly, N. C.
 C. R. Etheridge, Wilson, N. C.
 Royster Martin, Box 37, Micro, N. C.

Ray Wells, 504 Whitehead Avenue, Wilson, N. C.
J. E. Edwards, 703 North Webb Street, Selma, N. C.
Walton E. Parrish, Route 2, Kenly, N. C.
Aaron Bass, Box 185, Fremont, N. C.
Jimmy Barnes, Route 1, Kenly, N. C.
Ralph Aycock
J. B. Starnes, Box 326, Pikeville, N. C.
Boyd Shook, Selma, N. C.

LICENTIATES

Raeford Johnson
Roy C. Futrelle, Route 2, Goldsboro, N. C.
Gary M. Taylor
Danny T. Coates, Route 1, Smithfield, N. C.
Benny Hampton, Route 1, Box 124, Bahama, N. C.
David Hoke, Route 1, Box 359, Bahama, N. C.

Letters and word received from the following ministers as to why they could not attend this conference: M. L. Johnson, Luby Tyner, Billy R. Yawn, Earl Minchew, Douglas Johnson, and L. L. Therrell.

VISITING MINISTERS

CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE—W. B. Raper, E. C. Morris, W. J. Tyner, Mack Wallace, and Wiley Ferrell.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE—W. L. Poythress, Robert Rollins, R. W. Allman, Melvin Moore, R. P. Harris, Walter Reynolds, Joe Barrow, N. B. Barrow, Jimmie Pittman, Bruce Dudley, and L. B. Woodall Jr.

EASTERN CONFERENCE—David C. Hansley, Francis Garner, C. B. Hansley, and Lloyd Vernon.

PEE DEE ASSOCIATION—Paul Warner and James Hardee.

CHURCHES, COUNTIES, AND PASTORS FOR 1968-1969

CABARRUS COUNTY

Elwood Lane—H. Paul Jenkins
Concord—Jimmy Hodges

DURHAM COUNTY

Edgemont—Paul T. Warner Jr.
Sherron Acres—Harold M. Wallace
Unity—

JOHNSTON COUNTY

Branch Chapel—Luby Tyner
Everett's Chapel—Billy R. Yawn
Friendship—Joe Gerald
Holly Springs—W. R. Martin
Kenly—James V. Joyner
Micro—Roland C. Cherry
Pine Level—Clyde Cox
Piney Grove—Boyd Shook
Pleasant Plain—J. B. Starness
Rains' Cross Roads—Bill Futch
Selma—J. E. Edwards
Stancil's Chapel—Joe Johnson

NASH COUNTY

Barnes Hill—Lester Duncan
Flood's Chapel—Charles Morgan
Free Union—Lester Duncan
Memorial Chapel—Eugene Sumner
Mt. Zion—R. N. Hinnant
Rock Springs—Larry Coates
Stony Hill—Robert Jones
Union Chapel—Walton E. Parrish

WAYNE COUNTY

Black Jack Grove—W. J. Tyner
Fremont—Willie Renfrow
Pleasant Grove—J. B. Starnes
Pleasant Hill—R. P. Harris
Spring Hill—William L. Dale
Stoney Creek—Raymond Jones
Union Grove—R. P. Harris

WILSON COUNTY

Calvary—Dewey C. Boling
First Church, Wilson—C. F. Bowen
Little Rock—Frank R. Harrison
Marsh Swamp—R. H. Jackson

Milbournie—
Mt. Zion—Royster Martin
New Sandy Hill—James W. Pittman
People's Chapel—Carey Cheshire
Rose Bud—Edgar Benton
St. Mary's—J. C. Yates
Watson Grove—Jimmie L. Barfield

FIRST UNION MEETING—

SECOND UNION MEETING—R. N. Hinnant, Moderator

CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICE

CABARRUS COUNTY

Elwood Lane—Walter Turnmire, 2108 Brantley Road, Kannapolis,
N. C.
Concord—Mrs. Lois Myers, Route 1, Box 528, Pineville, N. C.

DURHAM COUNTY

Edgemont—Roy Dolinger, 414 Currin Street, Durham, N. C.
Sherron Acres—Coy Donald Goodwin, 107 Spring Road, Durham,
N. C. 27703
Unity—Mrs. Doris A. McGhee, 2716 Rochelle Street, Durham, N. C.
27703

JOHNSTON COUNTY

Branch Chapel—Mrs. Johnnie Dale, Route 1, Selma, N. C. 27576
Everett's Chapel—Hardin G. Blackman, 502 E. Andrews Street,
Clayton, N. C. 27520
Friendship—Mrs. J. Ralph Strickland, Route 1, Middlesex, N. C.
27557
Holly Springs—C. M. Atkinson, Route 2, Kenly, N. C.
Kenly—Bobby Pope, Box 92, Kenly, N. C. 27542
Micro—Barbara Creech, Route 3, Box 207, Selma, N. C.
Pine Level—Mrs. Nelson Jones, Pine Level, N. C.
Piney Grove—Mrs. Mildred J. Bridgers, Route 1, Kenly, N. C.
Pleasant Plain—L. S. Griffin, Route 2, Selma, N. C.
Rains' Cross Roads—Jimmy L. Rhodes, Route 2, Princeton, N. C.
Selma—Mrs. Jesse Taylor, 106 West Griswold Street, Selma, N. C.
27576
Stancil's Chapel—Russell L. Peele, Route 1, Middlesex, N. C.

NASH COUNTY

Barnes Hill—Monroe Lindsey, 1524 Sunset Avenue, 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. Sudie Mitchell, 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—Ruth S. Thomas, Route 2, Middlesex, N. C. 27557
Union Chapel—Mrs. Rosa Boykin, Route 1, Middlesex, N. C. 27557

WAYNE COUNTY

Black Jack Grove—Mrs. T. C. Hines, 1607 Murphy Street, Goldsboro, N. C. 27530
Fremont Chapel—Floyd Newsome, Box 117, Fremont, N. C.
Pleasant Grove—Mrs. Lillie Mae Pender, Box 25, Pikeville, N. C. 27863
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—David C. Summerlin, Route 2, Box 100, Goldsboro, N. C.
Union Grove—R. A. Sasser Jr., Route 2, Fremont, N. C.

WILSON COUNTY

Calvary—Mrs. Nannie Murray, Route 4, Box 430, Wilson, N. C.
First Church, Wilson—Mrs. Burnie Bass, 503 Macon Street, Wilson, N. C.
Little Rock—Ralph Barnes, 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. 27893
Mt. Zion—Evel Boykin, Route 3, Kenly, N. C. 27542
New Sandy Hill—Mrs. Frances Hall, Route 1, Sims, N. C.
People's Chapel—Mrs. Carol Perry, Route 2, Box 277, Elm City, N. C.
Rose Bud—Mrs. Clyde L. Griffin, Route 4, Box 270-A, Wilson, N. C.
St. Mary's—Miss Hilda Pittman, Route 1, Lucama, N. C. 27851
Watson Grove—Aileen Barfield, Route 3, Kenly, N. C. 27542

FIRST UNION MEETING—C. F. Bowen, Wilson, N. C.

SECOND UNION MEETING—Luther Bissette, Route 1, Sims, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

The eighty-second annual session of the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with Pleasant Grove Church, Wayne County, October 16, 17, 1968.

The conference was opened by the congregation singing "Love Lifted Me," led by the musical director, Rev. Royster Martin. The morning devotions were led by Rev. Charles Morgan whose Scripture reading was from Haggai 1:3, followed with prayer. A quartet composed of, Rev. Royster Martin, Rev. Clyde Cox, Mr. Raymond Radford and Mr. Harvey Hinnant sang "Listening in on Heaven." This quartet rendered special selections all during the conference.

A hearty welcome was extended to all by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Starnes, and response was given by Rev. Clyde Cox.

ROLL CALL OF MINISTERS

Ministers present first day: R. N. Hinnant, L. H. Boykin, D. C. Boling, L. S. Joyner, H. Paul Jenkins, W. E. Renfrow, Milton Davis, H. M. Minchew, J. C. Yates, R. H. Jackson, Joseph H. Ingram, Charles Morgan, Raymond E. Jones, James V. Joyner, Jimmy A. Hodges, C. F. Bowen, N. D. Wiggs, Frank R. Harrison, Lester Duncan, Clyde W. Cox, Roland C. Cherry, Edgar Benton, Harry Brown, William L. Dale, Royster Martin, Ray Wells, Walton Parrish, Jimmy Barnes, Aaron Bass, J. E. Edwards, J. B. Starnes, Foy C. Futrelle, Benny Hampton, and David Hoke.

Ministers present second day: R. N. Hinnant, Milford Hales, D. C. Boling, L. S. Joyner, H. Paul Jenkins, W. E. Renfrow, Milton Davis, Jasper Edwards, H. M. Minchew, Felton Johnson, J. C. Yates, Albert T. Coates, R. H. Jackson, Joseph H. Ingram, Jimmie L. Barfield, Raymond E. Jones, James V. Joyner, Jimmy A. Hodges, Frank R. Harrison, Henry Barfield III, Clyde W. Cox, Roland C. Cherry, Edgar Benton, Harry Brown, William L. Dale, DeWayne Eakes, Wayne West, William E. Futch, Royster Martin, Jimmy Barnes, Aaron Bass, J. B. Starnes, Foy C. Futrelle, and Danny T. Coates.

Remarks by the moderator and roll call of churches.

REPORT OF MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

ENROLLMENT

For the fall semester, 358 students are enrolled at Mount Olive College. Included in this number are 319 in the regular day program, 25 in night classes, seven who are auditing courses, and seven outside students who are taking private music. To provide educational opportunities for as many qualified students as possible, the College is administering a program of loan funds, scholarships, grants-in-aid, and part-time employment in excess of \$100,000 during 1968-69.

FACILITIES

The new library, named in memory of the late Rev. J. C. Moyer and in honor of Mrs. Moyer, is now in use. This facility which contains 17,000 volumes is a valuable asset to the educational program of the College.

With the opening of public community colleges in our area, the continued growth of Mount Olive College depends upon our having accommodations for more resident students. A new dormitory for men is urgently needed, and gifts in the amount of \$100,000 will enable the College to begin this project.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Mount Olive College is grateful to the Free Will Baptists of the Western Conference for their support in the amount of \$17,891.86 last year.

Average support from the churches of North Carolina was approximately \$3 per member. Special recognition is given to the following churches of the Western Conference who exceeded this level of support to Christian higher education:

Free Union	\$3.41	Little Rock	\$4.68
Marsh Swamp	5.36	Memorial Chapel	3.15
Micro	3.12	Pine Level	3.15
Pleasant Grove	6.55	Pleasant Hill	5.92
Rains' Cross Roads	5.55	Saint Mary's	3.52
Spring Hill	3.25	Union Grove	5.95
Wilson, First	3.01	Mt. Zion, Nash Co.	3.46

This report received as information. An offering received for the college amounting to \$52.26.

REPORT OF WESTERN CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD

Balance in Treasury October 12, 1967 \$551.60

RECEIPTS

From Joe Ingram from Western Conference	
Mission Rally Plus \$10 Expenses	\$206.84
St. Mary's Church	14.61
Rains' Cross Roads Church	10.00
Rock Springs Church	12.50
Rex Sullivant, Piney Grove Church	5.00
Branch Chapel Church	68.33
Elwood Lane Church	50.00
Marsh Swamp Church Bible Class	22.00
First Union Meeting	25.00
Rev. Jimmie Barnes	9.10

Total Receipts 423.38

Total to Account For \$974.98

By vote of the conference mission board money was paid out for investigation of Piney Grove Church at Nashville and at Louisburg. Money was also paid out to the Concord Mission work and the Henderson Mission work such as mileage, phone calls, materials, posters, rent on buildings, etc. The amount paid out was

631.29

Balance in Treasury, October 16, 1968

\$345.92

Fifteen Free Will Baptist Hymnals were donated to the Henderson Mission by the Calvary Church.

It was moved and carried to receive the mission work of Concord as a member of the conference.

REPORT OF THE STATE CONVENTION MISSION BOARD

Greetings to the people and churches of the Western Conference of the State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

We are grateful to be able to report to you that this has been a most successful year in mission work. There are many things I would like to share with you concerning the work of our church. First, let me say thanks for the part that the Western Conference has shared in this program. You have done a job that is commendable in your own conference and also shared with us the vision throughout the state, and unto the regions beyond.

A great deal of progress is being enjoyed in the work of Mexico. We have seen in the past two months a total of 38 souls won to the Lord in the work there. God has allowed His Spirit to be very present in the work in Mexico. Please pray that God will continue to use the workers to win souls in this great country.

There lies another challenge before our people in the next few weeks. In the month of December, 1968, we will ship our first missionaries to the country of Rhodesia. Rev. and Mrs. Joe Barrow will leave our country for a period of five (5) years. They will be very busy during the next few weeks doing itinerate work, packing, and making last minute preparations for leaving. They also have to work to get much of their equipment to go to the field. Some of this will have to be bought in that country. You can share in providing this equipment. To receive information about the types and cost of the equipment, write: N. C. Free Will Baptist Missions, P. O. Box 979, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530.

Rev. and Mrs. Harold Jones are making preparations to go to the field. They are enrolled in Columbia Bible College, doing work that will make them better able to do an effective job on the mission job. They also will be doing itinerate work in our churches during this next year. Will you join us in prayer that God will supply the necessary support that all of our requirements for the future may be met?

We have just had Miss Deborah Hines to present herself for mission

work. Miss Hines is a senior at the Winterville High School. She plans to attend Mount Olive Junior College next year to begin to prepare for her field of labor for the Lord. She will be working with the youth of our churches while making this preparation.

Again let me say that we appreciate very much what you as churches have done in the past and let this only be a guide to the future. We solicitate your prayers for this next year of work that we might find God's leadership in our own life, and in the guidance of the mission program. We challenge each church to accept their suggested quota for 1968-1969, and let's reach the goals that are before us.

Record of giving in the Western Conference and suggested quotas:

CHURCH	AMOUNT GIVEN 1967-1968	SUGGESTED QUOTAS 1968-1969
Branch Chapel	\$ 73.88	\$ 150.00
Black Jack Grove	69.00	150.00
Barnes Hill	23.00	100.00
Calvary (Wilson)	111.92	175.00
Edgewood	58.63	125.00
Elwood Lane	153.67	200.00
Everett's Chapel	230.96	1,200.00
First Church, Wilson	1,206.12	1,400.00
Flood's Chapel	121.00	200.00
Free Union	125.00	200.00
Fremont	95.00	150.00
Friendship	40.00	100.00
Holly Springs	24.44	100.00
Kenly	328.67	400.00
Little Rock	15.00	100.00
Marsh Swamp	263.38	325.00
Memorial Chapel	76.10	150.00
Micro	65.72	150.00
Milbournie	140.13	200.00
Mount Zion (Nashville)	119.00	175.00
Mount Zion (Kenly)	19.00	100.00
New Hope		100.00
New Sandy Hill	61.21	150.00
Northern	43.60	125.00
People's Chapel	580.80	625.00
Pine Level	197.26	250.00
Pleasant Grove	361.87	400.00
Piney Grove (Kenly)	362.10	400.00
Pleasant Hill	298.76	350.00
Pleasant Plains	62.85	150.00
Rains' Cross Roads	225.00	300.00
Rose Bud	23.76	100.00
Rock Springs	28.70	100.00

Churches	County	Yearly Meeting	Regular Meetings	Missions	Children's Home	Education	Other Purposes	Paid Pastor	Total Raised	Baptized	Died	Sunday School	League	Auxiliary	Conference	Church Property	Members Received	Delegates
Elwood Lane	Cabarrus	August	Full Time	\$ 203	\$ 95	\$ 25	\$ 4,137	\$4,240	\$ 8,644	2	1	70				\$10.00	\$100,000	Mrs. Paul Jenkins
Concord	Cabarrus	May	Full Time					1,450	3,235	1		26				10.00		Mrs. Marjorie Hodges
Northern	Durham																	
Edgemont	Durham	October	Full Time	100	200			5,200	11,631	10	1	75	20	15	10.00	92,000		Mrs. Calvin Griffin, Mrs. Wayne Hemphill
Sherron Acres	Durham	October	Full Time	869	474	95	9,856	3,300	14,593	6	1			24	10.00	115,000		Mrs. G. P. Smith, Mrs. T. R. Register, Mrs. J. C. Forehand
Unity	Durham		Full Time	75	15				90			31	12	12	10.00			James R. McGee
Branch Chapel	Johnston	August	2nd and 4th	181	653	245	2,787	1,800	6,827	8	3	139			15.00	20,000		Elijah Phillips and Wife, Mrs. Ruby Tyner
Everett's Chapel	Johnston	January	Full Time	266	274	635	18,192	4,125	23,494	20	3	148	62	25	10.00	102,500	25	By Letter
Friendship	Johnston	August	2nd and 4th	45	645	347	4,352	2,100	7,524	1	1	96		33	10.00	37,000		Rev. Joe Gerald
Holly Springs	Johnston	July	1st and 3rd	65	200	300	3,251	1,800	3,816	8	3	110	11	25	12.50	75,000		Henry Pope and Wife
Kenly	Johnston	May	Full Time	208	381	391	3,260	4,095	8,336	20	4	160	47	30	25.00	47,500	25	By Letter
Micro	Johnston	August	Full Time	50	350	449	4,099	3,475	8,229	1	4	100		28	20.00			By Letter
Pine Level	Johnston	August	Full Time	377	320	794	3,470	5,025	4,150	5	3	175	25	10.00	80,000			By Letter
Piney Grove	Johnston	October	2nd and 4th	397	393	306	702	2,350	4,500	9	2	172	45	20	10.00	50,000		Mrs. Rena Mae Barnes, Iris Pittman, Mrs. Jean Sasser
Pleasant Plain	Johnston		2nd and 4th	113	362	265	2,057	2,100	4,907	9		87		25	10.00	34,000		Mrs. Artis Brown, Mrs. Bessie Wall, Mrs. Elijah Phillips
Rains' Cross Roads	Johnston	August	1st and 3rd	210	350	4,000		2,500	4,560	2	1	130	20	15.00	10,000			R. K. Daughtry and Wife
Selma	Johnston	September	Full Time	100	75			4,680	7,830	10		85		24	10.00		11	By Letter
Stancil's Chapel	Johnston	November	1st and 3rd	44	650		1,472	1,500	3,666	5	1	100	15	8.00	10,500			Dwight Wall and Wife
Barnes Hill	Nash		2nd and 4th	20	217	150	1,118	1,290	2,798	8	5	76		20	10.00	15,000	6	By Letter
Flood's Chapel	Nash	October	2nd and 4th	101	149	32	1,053	780	2,120	3	1	42		10	10.00	20,000		By Letter
Free Union	Nash	September	1st and 3rd	144	142		3,545	1,550	5,381	2		74	11	18	10.00	25,000		H. C. Morgan
Memorial Chapel	Nash		1st and 3rd	101	50	140	25	240	561	10		111	98		10.00			By Letter
Mt. Zion	Nash	July	Full Time	118	532	278	2,712	1,625	5,267	4	3	125		25	25.00	25,000	5	Harold Rackley and Wife
Rock Springs	Nash	September	1st and 3rd	23	133	80	995	1,330	2,621	1	3	70		7	10.00	12,500		Oscar Hinton, Mrs. Luther Bisette
Stony Hill	Nash	April	1st and 3rd	20	66	235	102	1,200	2,621	25	2	86		22	10.00	15,000	27	Jimmie Strickland
Union Chapel	Nash	July	2nd and 4th		34		511	280	825	1		35			5.00	4,000		Lemy Bryant
Black Jack Grove	Wayne	April	1st and 3rd	67	48		1,721	1,440	3,468	14	2	108	18		5.00	14,000		By Letter
Fremont Chapel	Wayne	June	Full Time	80	95	135	195	3,600	5,516	5		100	50	37	10.00	15,000		Mrs. Aaron Bass, Mrs. Lessie Windham
Pleasant Grove	Wayne	May	1st and 3rd	258	958	1,965	4,546	1,597	9,325	16	4	171		33	40.00	84,500	24	Ernest Bisette, Hardy Talton
Pleasant Hill	Wayne	August	1st and 3rd	323	349	404	1,945	1,320	4,343	5		127		20	10.00	35,000	8	Mrs. Marvin Bunn, Mrs. Albert Pierce
Spring Hill	Wayne	August	Full Time	369	154	170	1,752	1,350	3,695	2	1	60		19	10.00	25,000	3	Addie Howell and Wife
Stoney Creek	Wayne	October	Full Time	1,200	800	1,200	16,600	5,200	25,000	18	2	260	35	61	10.00	150,000	28	Foy Futrelle and Wife
Union Grove	Wayne	September	2nd and 4th	75	100	420	3,230	1,652	5,558	4	1	128		43	10.00	75,000		R. L. Fleming and Wife
Calvary	Wilson	August	Full Time	143	204	175	3,844	4,677	9,045	5	2	115		25	5.00		8	W. R. Sawrey, Otha Joyner
First Church, Wilson	Wilson	August	Full Time	993	1,657	1,906	26,586	6,760	39,535	21	2	277		52	20.00	130,000	55	Leslie Hawley and Wife, Mrs. C. F. Bowen
Little Rock	Wilson	June	Full Time	40	493	1,270	3,914	4,320	10,088	12	9	160		43	15.00	80,650	3	Mrs. Braxton Jones, Mrs. Paul Mazingo
Marsh Swamp	Wilson	September	Full Time	273	976	543	6,138	4,940	12,879	1	6	150	60	30	15.00	60,000		Mrs. Fred Boykin, Mrs. Mildred Boswell, Mrs. Ruby Sullivan, Mrs. Hazel J.
Milbourne	Wilson	May	Full Time	67	687	275	4,149	4,800	9,979	1	3	130	12	25	10.00	53,500	2	Mrs. Virginia Hayes, Mrs. Bessie Lamm
Mt. Zion	Wilson		2nd and 4th	20	30	30	400	1,500	6,135	8		125		28	10.00	15,000	9	Jim Renfrow, Henry Johnson
New Sandy Hill	Wilson	April	1st and 3rd	48	264	107	4,256	1,456	10,140	3	1	91		13	10.00	55,000		Janie Williams, Frances Hall
People's Chapel	Wilson	September	Full Time	586	620	481	4,488	3,965	4,994	12	3	88	35	15	10.00	25,000		Norman Vaughn
Rose Bud	Wilson	June	Full Time	46	100	158	91	2,379	4,994	2		55		16	5.00	20,000		By Letter
St. Mary's	Wilson	June	Full Time	264	514	1,490	3,066	2,511	7,227	2	2	132		23	7.50	90,000		Mrs. Doris Yates, Mrs. Ruby Narron
Watson Grove	Wilson		1st and 3rd	40	60		300		400	1	1	25			10.00	1,000		By Letter
First Union Meeting																		No Report
Second Union Meeting															25.00			Oscar Hinton and Wife

Sherron Acres	714.27	850.00
Selma	136.84	200.00
Spring Hill	317.00	400.00
Stancil's Chapel	37.00	100.00
Stoney Creek	1,379.00	1,500.00
Saint Mary's (Kenly)	143.73	200.00
Stony Hill	5.00	100.00
Union Chapel		100.00
Watson's Grove		100.00
Second ² Union Meeting		100.00
First Union Meeting	500.00	500.00
Western Conference		100.00
Western District Auxiliary		
Convention	21.17	100.00
Individuals	35.00	
First Western Sunday School		
Convention	69.60	100.00
First Western Youth Fellowship	70.00	100.00
Total	\$9,034.14	\$13,450.00

Joseph H. Ingram, *Director-Treasurer*

Appointment of temporary committees as follows:

RESOLUTIONS: L. S. Joyner, Charles Morgan, and Edgar Benton.

NOMINATING: Paul H. Jenkins, Royster Martin, Atlas Pittman, Mrs. Hardy Talton, and Lester Duncan.

TEMPERANCE: Henry Barfield III, Billy Yawn, and Harry Brown.

MEMORIAL: Clyde Cox, Ray Wells, and Walton Parrish.

Rev. Roland C. Cherry led the congregation in singing three numbers, followed with prayer by Rev. W. B. Raper.

The conference sermon was delivered by Rev. Walter Reynolds, using Ephesians 3:8 as a text for the message. Prayer by Brother Reynolds.

The conference adjourned for lunch with the benediction and blessing for the lunch by Rev. Lloyd Vernon.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was opened by the congregation singing "I Am Thine, O Lord," and then the quartet sang two numbers.

Devotions were conducted by Rev. Lester Duncan, reading Ezekiel 23:26. Subject for his remarks; "A Man to Stand." This was followed with prayer.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Ordained Ministers Registered	44
Licentiates Registered	4
Ministers Transferring Membership	2

Visiting Ministers	14
Delegates Registered	63
Money Sent to Conference	\$ 448.00
Paid Pastors	105,856.54
Missions	8,406.26
Children's Home	15,263.50
Education	17,589.67
Other Purposes	149,917.88
Total Raised for Year	\$302,554.42
Number Members	6,674
Baptized	278
Average Sunday School Attendance	1,866
Died	79
Members of Woman's Auxiliary	982
Total Value of Church Property	\$1,994,650.00
Members Received by Letter	120
Members Restored	6
Dismissed by Letter	149
Excommunicated	1
Members Dropped	45
Cragmont	\$ 821.87
League Attendance	516
Offering for College	\$ 52.26
Offering for Children's Home	\$ 55.17

By Credentials Committee

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee has held three meetings during the past year and attended to all business related to the duties of the committee.

A motion was made and carried that the conference continue to hold a two-days' session as in the past.

By request of Rev. F. A. Rivenbark, a letter of dismissal was granted him so as to unite with the Albemarle Conference during the 1968 session of the conference.

Fifty dollars was appropriated for the purpose of transferring the minutes of the conference to the permanent record book.

A motion was made and carried to pay the treasurer fifteen dollars per year for services rendered.

By request of a combined group of Free Will Baptists in Durham, North Carolina, the Executive Committee organized this group, September 1, 1968, into a church known as the Unity Free Will Baptist Church. The church will represent by delegation to the conference during this session.

Rev. D. C. Boling, *Moderator*

Rev. R. N. Hinnant, *Clerk*

REPORT OF BOARD OF ORDINATION

The Western Conference Board of Ordination held its regular meetings on January 5, June 7, and October 12, 1968. The following recommendations were made:

1. That the following names be added to our roll of ordained ministers: J. E. Edwards, Ray Emerson Wells, Walter E. Parrish, Aaron Bass, Jimmy Barnes, Ralph Aycock, and J. B. Starnes.

2. That the following names be added to our roll of licensed ministers: Foy C. Futrelle, Gary Martin Taylor, Danny T. Coates, Benny Hampton, and David Hoke.

3. That the following name be removed from our roll of ordained ministers due to his uniting with another denomination: Billy Ray Jordan.

4. In view of the fact that this board recommend in 1967 that Brother Boyd Shook become a member of the Western Conference, and this action did not appear in the minutes, we request that this information be placed in the minutes of 1968.

5. The motion passed by this conference in session in 1966, asking all incoming ministers to clear themselves with the ordaining council as soon as possible after accepting a pastorate in our conference, has not been complied with; so we ask this conference to make this previous request a requirement.

Joseph Ingram, *Chairman*

Raymond Jones, *Secretary*

Albert Coates

Willie Renfrow

Clyde Cox

A verbal report of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc. was given by Revs. R. N. Hinnant, president; and Walter Reynolds, business manager. Report received as information.

The quartet rendered two special messages in song at this time.

Rev. Willis Wilson, president of the State Convention, sent greetings to the conference.

Rev. David Charles Hansley gave a verbal report of the work of the General Secretary as information.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. Whereas, the mission work as sponsored by the Western Conference has not met with the adequate support it has asked for; and

Whereas, there is a great need for concentrating our mission work in North Carolina for more effective response; therefore,

Be it resolved, that we abolish the conference mission board and that all funds belonging to said board be transferred to the North Carolina State Convention Mission Board and urge the state board to give consideration to the work stated by the conference board.

By motion and carried that the above resolution lie on the table for

twenty-four hours before final approval to comply with conference Constitution and Bylaws.

2. Whereas, we do see the need for the office of the General Secretary of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, we, therefore, urge that all the churches of the conference include in their budget the suggested quota set forth in the minutes of our State Convention.

3. Whereas, this church, its pastor, and friends have gone far beyond the call of duty to provide for the comforts and conveniences of this conference, and the quartet rendering special music, we move that this conference give a rising vote of thanks, along with our pledged prayers, for their success.

A special prayer was offered for the recovery of Revs. Earl Minchew and M. L. Johnson.

Singing by the congregation, "Ready."

Benediction by Rev. Royster Martin.

THURSDAY MORNING

The morning session was opened with the congregation singing "I Am Thine, O Lord," led by Rev. Royster Martin.

Devotions were conducted by Rev. Clyde Cox, reading for his Scripture lesson Mark 4:1 and 1 Corinthians 9:26, 27. Prayer by Rev. Edgar Benton. The quartet rendered a special selection, "Let Me Live Close to Thee."

Roll call of ministers. (See ministers present second day.)

Roll call of churches.

The report of the Children's Home was given by Rev. Francis Garner in the absence of Rev. M. L. Johnson, who is a patient in Duke Hospital.

An offering was received amounting to \$55.17. Prayer of thanks for the offering was made by Rev. R. H. Jackson.

REPORT OF CHILDREN'S HOME

The following is a report of gifts received from the Western Conference District for the year 1967-1968 and the suggested quotas for the year 1968-1969. The quotas for 1968-1969 are based upon our continuing needs to meet the schedule established in our Golden Anniversary Development Program and our general operation for the year.

CHURCH	GIFTS DURING 9-1-67—6-30-68 (10 Months)	SUGGESTED QUOTA 1968-1969
Barnes Hill	\$ 234.21	\$ 250.00
Black Jack Grove	82.32	150.00
Branch Chapel	628.32	750.00
Calvary	234.27	500.00
Eastwood Chapel	63.72	

Edgemont	105.64	300.00
Elwood Lane	139.25	300.00
Everett's Chapel	453.64	325.00
Flood's Chapel	149.50	275.00
Free Union	208.54	350.00
Fremont	135.00	200.00
Friendship	629.52	800.00
Holly Springs	500.90	300.00
Kenly	451.92	600.00
Little Rock	488.71	500.00
Marsh Swamp	1,341.67	1,000.00
Memorial Chapel	150.00	75.00
Micro	370.00	700.00
Milbournie	675.44	350.00
Mount Zion, Nash County	474.31	600.00
Mount Zion, Wilson County	58.79	250.00
New Hope	25.00	200.00
New Sandy Hill	264.47	250.00
Northern	150.00	200.00
People's Chapel	670.10	600.00
Pine Level	460.09	750.00
Piney Grove	510.09	600.00
Pleasant Grove	1,086.23	1,000.00
Pleasant Hill	398.45	250.00
Pleasant Plains	378.87	600.00
Rains' Cross Roads	414.65	550.00
Rock Springs	109.84	200.00
Rose Bud	184.32	200.00
Selma	135.00	300.00
Sherron Acres	346.50	500.00
Spring Hill	161.00	250.00
Stancil's Chapel	549.81	500.00
St. Mary's	480.01	500.00
Stoney Creek	761.42	750.00
Stony Hill	167.02	200.00
Union Chapel	69.00	100.00
Union Grove	335.00	500.00
Watson's Grove	50.00	100.00
Wilson	2,265.05	1,200.00
Miscellaneous	908.14	1,125.00

Totals	<u>\$18,455.73</u>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
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Resolution number one was read again after lying on the table for twenty-four hours and was adopted. (See report of Resolutions Committee.)

It was moved and carried that Section 5 of Article 4 of the Constitution be deleted.

A report of Nominating Committee was given. (See officers elected.)
A special prayer was offered by Rev. Jimmie Pittman for the recovery of Rev. M. L. Johnson.

The 11:30 o'clock service was under the direction of the Board of Ordination. The congregation sang, "Send the Light," and the hand of fellowship was extended to the newly licensed and ordained ministers.

The quartet rendered two songs. The Rev. W. E. Renfrow introduced the speaker of the hour, the Rev. Joe Ingram. Scripture used was John 17:18-23. His subject was "Evangelism." This was followed by prayer.

Benediction and the blessing for the lunch.

LUNCH

The afternoon devotions were conducted by Rev. Jasper Edwards. The congregation sang "When We All Get to Heaven." Scripture read from 1 John 2:7-11, followed with prayer.

REPORT OF MINISTERIAL CHARACTER BOARD

We recommend that the names of Billy Ray Jordan and G. Herman Griffin be deleted from the roll of ministers and the clerk be instructed to write for their credentials. These ministers having left the denomination, their credentials are hereby revoked. (Report adopted.)

TEMPERANCE REPORT

Whereas, it being a vital part of our Church Covenant that, "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'"; we, your Temperance Committee, present this report.

Whereas, we have promised, by His Grace, to love and obey God in all things, let us as Free Will Baptists do just that, and obey Him in all things. Let us not be temperate in our obedience to His call for us to witness, to give, and go for Him each day.

Whereas, we are admonished to avoid all appearances of evil, let us not be found involved in the evils of the day. Let us be on guard at all times lest we, unawares, be led astray by the cunning advertisements, enticing displays, and alluring descriptions of alcoholic beverages, habit forming drugs, tobacco, and sex.

Whereas, the liquor and dope problems are becoming more acute each day and the involvement of the young is on the increase, may we let our voice be heard in protest to the further advertisement, sale, and use of all intoxicants, dope, and habit forming drugs; to the displaying and selling of all lewd and obscene books and magazines; and to the exploiting of sex, especially by the advertising media on television.

Whereas, the State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina has endorsed the Christian Action League of North Carolina as

a voice against the liquor, dope, and vice rackets in our state; we recommend that the Western Conference, likewise, endorse and support this organization in its fight against the evils of the above mentioned items of the devil.

Whereas, this being an election year, let us prayerfully examine those candidates that aspire to hold public office, from the least to the highest, and vote as our conscience guides, being careful to choose those that are possessing Christians as much as possible.

Respectfully submitted by your Temperance Committee.

REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

We submit this report in loving memory of all our members who have been called home to be with the Lord since our last conference.

In the stillness of this moment may we submit to His will, whose wisdom makes no error, and whose goodness never lays on us one trial too many, and say in the words of the Master, "Thy will be done." While the loving hand of an infinite God keeps their last resting place green, we will keep their memories like the evergreen, forever fresh in our hearts.

Respectfully submitted,

Clyde W. Cox

Ray Wells

Walton Parrish

After a moment of silent prayer, the quartet sang "We Are Going Down the Valley One by One."

REPORT OF STATE SUPERANNUATION BOARD

We are glad for the privilege to make this report to the Western Conference for the year 1967-1968:

1. We have 9 ministers who receive regular pension checks, of this number three (3) are from the Western Conference.

2. We have 15 ministers' widows who receive regular quarterly pension checks, of this number five (5) are from the Western Conference.

3. Contributions made by the conference to superannuation:

a. Church	\$1,354.89
b. Sunday	208.88
c. Auxiliaries	10.00
d. Individuals	2,732.77

Totals \$4,306.54

4. The budget for 1968-1969 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; P. O. Box 474, Ayden, N. C. 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

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1967-1968

Balance Brought Forward \$275.66

RECEIPTS

From Churches	\$493.00
Offering for Children's Home	77.78
Offering for Mount Olive College	66.50
Total Receipts	637.28

Total to Account For \$912.94

PAID OUT

Secretary and Expenses	\$ 61.54
Children's Home	77.78
Mount Olive College	66.50
Ordination Board for Bibles	70.50
Treasurer	15.00
Free Will Baptist Press for Minutes	221.40
Certificates of Ordination	1.98
Executive Board Meetings	134.63

Total Paid Out 649.33

Balance in Treasury \$263.61

By motion the conference adjourned.

The congregation stood while singing "God Be with You," followed with the benediction by Rev. James Joyner.

Rev. D. C. Boling, Moderator

Rev. R. N. Hinnant, Clerk

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 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 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 others. 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 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: 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 6: 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 7: Temporary Committees: At the discretion of the moderator or conference, temporary committees may be appointed or elected for designated purposes.

Section 8: 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. If it be received, the moderator shall extend to its delegate the hand of fellowship.

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

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 members 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.

