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OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1969-1970

Moderator	R. H. Jackson
Assistant Moderator	Clyde Cox
Clerk	James V. Joyner
Treasurer	Luther Bissette

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

R. H. Jackson, Chairman
 Clyde Cox, Vice-Chairman
 James V. Joyner, Secretary
 Luther Bissette, Treasurer
 Dewey Boling, Member at Large

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Jimmie Barfield, Chairman	1970
Paul Jenkins	1971
F. A. Morris	1972
L. S. Joyner	1973
Clarence Bowen	1974

BOARD OF ORDINATION

J. C. Yates	1970
W. E. Renfrow	1971
Joe Ingram	1972
Royster Martin	1973
Boyd Shook	1974

BOARD OF MINISTERIAL CHARACTER

Lester Duncan, Chairman	1970
J. B. Starnes	1971
L. H. Boykin	1972
R. C. Cherry	1973
Raymond Jones	1974

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

John Johnson, Chairman	1970
Billy Yawn	1971
Jimmy Hodges	1972
Charles Morgan	1973
Earl Minchew	1974

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Aycock, Ralph, Route 1, Kenly, N. C.
 Bass, Aaron, Box 185, Fremont, N. C.
 Bass, Walter V., Route 2, Box 113, Pikeville, N. C.
 Barfield Jimmie L., Route 3, Kenly, N. C.
 Barnes, Jimmy, Route 1, Kenly, N. C.
 Benton, Edgar, Route 2, Fermon, N. C.
 Bisette, Dee, Route 2, Bailey, N. C.
 Boling, Dewey C., 712 E. Home Street, Clayton, N. C.
 Bowen, Clarence F., 1731 Hillcrest Drive, Wilson, N. C.
 Boykin, L. H. Route 3, Kenly, N. C.
 Boykin, W. G. Raleigh, N. C. (Superannuated)
 Brown, Harry, Route 1, Box 103, Bahama, N. C.
 Cherry, Roland C., Box 247, Micro, N. C.
 Cox, Clyde W., Box 307, Pine Level, N. C.
 Dale, William L., Route 7, Box 351, Goldsboro, N. C.
 Davis, Milton, Route 2, Princeton, N. C.
 Duncan, Lester, 213 Dewey Street, Wilson, N. C.
 Eakes, DeWayne, Lucama, N. C.
 Edwards, Jasper, Route 3, Selma, N. C.
 Edwards, J. E. 703 N. Webb Street, Selma, N. C.
 Etheridge, C. R. 305 Hill Street, Wilson, N. C.
 Ferrell, Wiley, 608 Tower Street, Selma, N. C.
 Futch, William E., Route 1, Box 57-A, Kenly, N. C.
 Futrelle, Foy C., Route 7, Box 100, Goldsboro, N. C.
 Grubbs, Harry C., Route 4, Box 473-A, Wilson, N. C.
 Hales, Milford, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.
 Harrison, Frank R., N. C. Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, N. C.
 Hinnant, R. N., Box 712, Denham Springs, La. 70726
 Hodges, Jimmy A., Route 1, Concord, N. C.
 Ingram, Joseph H., Route 2, Box 56, Goldsboro, N. C.
 Jackson, R. H., Route 1, Sims, N. C.
 Jenkins, H. Paul, 2114 Bertha Street, Kannapolis, N. C.
 Johnson, Douglas, Box 528, Clayton, N. C.
 Johnson, Felton, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.
 Johnson, Joe H., Route 3, Kenly N. C.
 Jones, Harold, Box 345, Davao City, Philippines
 Jones, Raymond, 310 Southerland Street, Durham, N. C.
 Joyner, James V., Box 487, Kenly, N. C.
 Joyner, L. S., 1220 Lynn Road, Durham, N. C.
 Martin, Royster, Box 37, Micro, N. C.
 Minchew, Earl, Route 2, Princeton, N. C.
 Minchew, H. M., Route 1, Kenly, N. C.
 Moore, R. L., 570 E. Front Street, Clayton, N. C.
 Morgan, Charles, Route 1, Bailey, N. C.
 Parrish, Walton E., Route 2, Kenly, N. C.
 Poythress, W. L., 215 Dewey Street, Wilson, N. C.

Renfrow, W. E., Route 2, Kenly, N. C.
 Shook, Boyd, 508 N. Pollock Street, Selma, N. C.
 Starnes, J. B., Box 326, Pikeville, N. C.
 Taylor, Gary M., Box 312, Kenly, N. C.
 Therrell, L. L., 606 Holly Avenue, Kannapolis, N. C.
 Tyner, Luby C., 907 W. Waddell Street, Selma, N. C.
 Wallace, Harold Mac, 817 Lynn Road, Durham, N. C.
 West, Wayne, Route 1, Vanceboro, N. C.
 Wiggs, N. D., Route 7, Kinston, N. C.
 Yates, J. C., Route 3, Kenly, N. C.
 Yawn, Billy R., Route 1, Box 277, Clayton, N. C.

LICENTIATES

Godwin, J. B., Route 1, Middlesex, N. C.
 Gray, Raymond C. Jr.
 Hampton, Benny, Route 1, Box 124, Bahama, N. C.
 Hoke, David, Route 1, Box 236-A, Greenville, N. C.
 Johnson, Raeford
 Jones, Curtis W., Clayton, N. C.
 Rose, Gerald L.
 Sasser, Eunice, S., Route 2, Lucama, N. C.
 Turnmire, Burt, 2108 Brantley Road, Kannapolis, N. C.

Letters and word received from the following ministers as to why they could not attend this conference: R. N. Hinnant, Jasper Edwards, Luby C. Tyner, Jimmy A. Hodges, Frank R. Harrison, L. L. Therrell, and Ralph Aycock.

VISITING MINISTERS

CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE—E. C. Morris, James Evans, Walter Reynolds, and W. B. Raper.

EASTERN CONFERENCE—C. B. Hansley and Graham Lane.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE—Harold Jones, Robert Rollins, R. P. Harris, W. L. Poythress, C. L. Patrick, R. W. Allman, and Jimmie Pittman.

GENERAL BAPTIST—John Swain.

CHURCHES, COUNTIES, AND PASTORS FOR 1969-1970

CABARRUS COUNTY

Elwood Lane—H. Paul Jenkins

DURHAM COUNTY

Sherron Acres—Harold M. Wallace
Unity—Raymond Jones

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—Jimmy Pittman
Pleasant Plain—Robert Jones
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—John Swain
Rock Springs—Larry Coates
Stony Hill—Robert Jones
Union Chapel—Walton E. Parrish

WAYNE COUNTY

Black Jack Grove—W. J. Tyner
Fermont Chapel—Willie Renfrow
Pleasant Grove—J. B. Starnes
Pleasant Hill—R. P. Harris
Spring Hill—William L. Dale
Stoney Creek—David C. Hansley
Union Grove—R. P. Harris

WILSON COUNTY

Calvary—Dewey C. Boling
First Church, Wilson—C. F. Bowen
Little Rock—DeWayne Eakes
Marsh Swamp—R. H. Jackson
Milbournie—Harry Grubbs
Mt. Zion—J. B. Godwin

New Sandy Hill—Marty Taylor
People's Chapel—Carey Cheshire
Rose Bud—Edgar Benton
St. Mary's—J. C. Yates
Watson Grove—Jimmie L. Barfield

FIRST UNION MEETING—R. H. Jackson, Moderator

SECOND UNION MEETING—Luther Bissette, Moderator

CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICE

CABARRUS COUNTY

Elwood Lane—Walter Turnmire, 2108 Brantley Road, Kannapolis,
N. C. 28081

DURHAM COUNTY

Sherron Acres—Coy Donald Goodwin, 107 Spring Road, Durham,
N. C. 27703

Unity—Roy Dolinger, 414 Currin 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, Clay-
ton, N. C. 27520

Friendship—Mrs. J. Ralph Strickland, Route 1, Middlesex, N. C. 27557

Holly Springs—C. M. Atkinson, Route 2, Kenly, N. C. 27542

Kenly—George Carver, Box 323, N. C. 27542

Micro—Eardith G. Jones, Box 24, Micro, N. C. 27555

Pine Level—Mrs. Nelson Jones, Box 283, Pine Level, N. C. 27568

Piney Grove—Mrs. Mildred J. Bridgers, Route 1, Kenly, N. C. 27542

Pleasant Plain—L. S. Griffin, Route 2, Selma, N. C. 27576

Rains' Cross Roads—Jimmy L. Rhodes, Route 2, Princeton, N. C. 27569

Selma—Mrs. Jesse Taylor, 106 W. Griswold Street, Selma, N. C. 27576

Stancil's Chapel—Russel L. Peele, Route 1, Middlesex, N. C. 27557

NASH COUNTY

Barnes Hill—Mrs. Norma Boswell, Box 434, Tarboro Highway, Rocky
Mount, N. C. 27801

Flood's Chapel—W. E. Bissette, Route 1, Spring Hope, N. C. 27882

Free Union—H. C. Morgan, Route 2, Spring Hope, N. C. 27882

Memorial Chapel—Mrs. Sudie Mitchell, Route 2, Box 12-B, Middlesex,
N. C. 27557

Mt. Zion—Mrs. Clarence W. Manning, Route 2, Spring Hope, N. C.
27882

Rock Springs—Mrs. Oscar Whitley Jr., Route 1, Bailey, N. C. 27807

Stony Hill—Mrs. Hilda Thorne, Route 2, Box 1-A, 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 S. Murphy Street, Goldsboro, N. C. 27530

Fremont Chapel—Floyd Newsome, Box 117, Fremont, N. C. 27830

Pleasant Grove—Mrs. Lillie Mae Pender, Box 25, Pikeville, N. C. 27863

Pleasant Hill—Mrs. Marjorie Snipes, Route 2, Princeton, N. C. 27569

Springs Hill—Miss Lynn Johnson, 4100 Highway 70-W, Goldsboro, N. C. 27530

Stoney Creek—Frank Flowers, Box 1774, Goldsboro, N. C. 27530

Union Grove—R. A. Sasser Jr., Route 2, Fremont, N. C. 27830

WILSON COUNTY

Calvary—Mrs. Margie Pittman, 401 North Avenue, Wilson, N. C. 27893

First, Wilson—Mrs. Steve Wilson, 1114 Fifth Street, Wilson, N. C. 27893

Little Rock—Ralph Barnes, Route 1, Lucama, N. C. 27851

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. 27880

People's Chapel—Mrs. Carol Perry, Route 2, Box 277, Elm City, N. C. 27822

Rose Bud—Mrs. Clyde L. Griffin, Route 4, Box 270-A, Wilson, N. C. 27893

St. Mary's—Mrs. Hilda Price, 1408, Dogwood Lane, Wilson, N. C. 27893

Watson Grove—Mrs. Aileen Barfield, Route 3, Kenly, N. C. 27542

FIRST UNION MEETING—C. F. Bowen, 1731 Hillcrest Drive, Wilson, N. C. 27893

SECOND UNION MEETING—Luther Bissette, Route 1, Sims, N. C. 27880

PROCEEDINGS

The eighty-third annual session of the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with Calvary Church, Wilson, North Carolina, October 15, 16, 1969.

The conference was opened by the congregation singing "Love Lifted Me," led by the music director, Rev. Royster Martin. The morning devotions were led by Rev. J. C. Yates whose Scripture reading was from Matthew 28:1-7, followed with prayer.

A hearty welcome was extended to all by Mrs. Allen Bartlett. Response was given by Rev. James V. Joyner.

ROLL CALL OF MINISTERS

Ministers present first day: L. H. Boykin, Milford Hales, D. C. Boling, L. S. Joyner, H. Paul Jenkins, W. E. Renfrow, H. M. Minchew, J. C. Yates, Albert T. Coates, R. H. Jackson, Billy R. Yawn, Joseph H. Ingram, Charles Morgan, Raymond E. Jones, James V. Joyner, C. F. Bowen, Lester Duncan, Clyde W. Cox, Roland C. Cherry, Douglas Johnson, Joe H. Johnson, R. L. Moore, Edgar Benton, William L. Dale, DeWayne Eakes, C. R. Etheridge, Royster Martin, Ray Wells, J. E. Edwards, Walton E. Parrish, Jimmy Barnes, J. B. Starnes, Boyd Shook, W. L. Poythress, Foy C. Futrelle, Harold Mac Wallace, J. B. Godwin, Curtis W. Jones, and Burt Turnmire.

Ministers present second day: L. H. Boykin, D. C. Boling, L. S. Joyner, H. Paul Jenkins, W. E. Renfrow, Milton Davis, H. M. Minchew, Felton Johnson, J. C. Yates, R. H. Jackson, Jimmie L. Barfield, Raymond E. Jones, James V. Joyner, C. F. Bowen, Clyde W. Cox, Roland C. Cherry, William L. Dale, DeWayne Eakes, Royster Martin, Ray Wells, Jimmy Barnes, J. B. Starnes, Wiley Ferrell, Foy C. Futrelle, Gary M. Taylor, David Hoke, W. L. Poythress, Eunice S. Sasser, and Burt Turnmire.

Recognition of visitors.

Remarks by the moderator and roll call of churches.

REPORT OF THE STATE CONVENTION MISSION BOARD TO THE WESTERN CONFERENCE

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

We express our appreciation to you for making this year one of the most successful in the history of our church. We have seen many great accomplishments this year that have been possible because you and your churches have stood behind the work with both your prayers and financial support.

Rev. and Mrs. Joe Barrow are now in Rhodesia. They have been concerned the past few months with the health of Joe. Joe, soon after reaching the country, went on a hiking trip and was infected with a serious condition of infectious hepatitis. The disease leaves a person in a weakened condition that sometimes takes months for full recovery of the patient. In our letters

from Faye and Joe, they say his condition is progressive and he will now assume teaching responsibilities. Pray much for them in their work.

Rev. and Mrs. Harold Jones are now looking forward to the time of their departure. They are planning to leave on October 20, 1969, arriving in the Philippines the following day. They are now making last minute preparation for leaving. By the last of this month, Free Will Baptists will be represented on the Island of Mindanao. We will then have Missionaries in Mexico, Rhodesia, and the Philippines.

The Free Will Baptist Bible Institute is enjoying a remarkable success on the Border of Mexico and Texas. Rev. J. E. Timmons remarks that this is the best program that we have worked on in the country of Mexico. The pastors are now learning to be better workers for God. Their attendance in the churches have increased and there are more conversions than in the past. They have just finished their vacation Bible school sessions and there is remarkable increase in interest and attendance in each of these. There is also a continued need of used clothing in the work in Mexico. Any church or auxiliary that would wish to send used clothing to the work in Mexico can do so. For information concerning sending clothing to the work in Mexico, please contact North Carolina Free Will Baptist Missions, P. O. Box 979, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530.

Miss Deborah Hines is enrolled in Mount Olive Junior College this fall to begin her preparation for the mission field. She has not yet decided as to the field that she will go, but we feel that God will reveal this to her as her preparation continues.

As director it is our responsibility to seek those places that our work should expand into. We are now concerned about a home missionary to work in establishing churches in the area at home. We hope that you will join us in prayer that God will call forth a home missionary for the work in the near future.

Again we say thanks for the support of the past and if you have questions do not hesitate to call on us. If we can be of help to you as far as promotion of missions in your church, we are at your call.

Record of giving in the Western Conference and suggested quotas:

CHURCH	AMOUNT GIVEN	SUGGESTED QUOTA
	1968-1969	FOR 1969-1970
Black Jack Grove	\$ 80.00	\$ 125.00
Barnes Hill	131.62	200.00
Branch Chapel	77.50	150.00
Calvary	146.12	200.00
Edgemont	46.06	100.00
Elwood Lane	138.26	200.00
Everett Chapel	1,073.72	1,200.00
First Church, Wilson	1,553.39	1,600.00
Flood's Chapel	87.50	125.00
Free Union	194.07	225.00
Fremont Chapel	498.25	600.00

Friendship	64.80	125.00
Holly Springs	23.00	100.00
Kenly	377.49	450.00
Little Rock	185.00	250.00
Marsh Swamp	193.61	350.00
Memorial Chapel	58.36	125.00
Micro	65.00	125.00
Milbournie	143.41	200.00
Mt. Zion (Nash Co.)	181.95	250.00
Mt. Zion (Kenly)	14.00	100.00
New Hope		100.00
New Sandy Hill	25.94	100.00
Northern	534.00	600.00
People's Chapel	392.60	450.00
Pine Level	175.69	250.00
Pleasant Grove	1,189.00	1,200.00
Piney Grove	826.77	900.00
Pleasant Hill	270.00	300.00
Pleasant Plain	290.52	350.00
Rains' Cross Roads	327.00	375.00
Rose Bud	169.67	200.00
Rock Springs	24.41	100.00
Sherron Acres	1,469.79	1,500.00
Selma	340.23	400.00
Spring Hill	717.65	800.00
Stancil's Chapel	110.68	200.00
Stoney Creek	1,613.78	1,700.00
Saint Mary's	378.69	425.00
Stony Hill	44.22	100.00
Union Chapel		100.00
Union Grove	137.82	200.00
Unity	45.50	100.00
Watson Grove		100.00
Second Union Sunday School		
Convention	100.00	150.00
First Union of Western		
Conference	325.00	400.00
Western Conference	27.21	100.00
First Western Auxiliary		
Convention	29.86	100.00
Individuals	260.00	
First Western Sunday School		
Convention	50.00	100.00
Western Conference Youth		
Fellowship	101.00	100.00
Totals	<hr/> \$15,310.14	<hr/> \$18,300.00

Rev. Joseph Ingram,
DIRECTOR-TREASURER

This report received as information.

A quartet composed of Rev. Royster Martin, Rev. Clyde Cox, Mr. R. L. Radford, and Rev. J. B. Starnes sang "In Times Like These." This quartet rendered special selections all during the conference.

REPORT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

(Sponsorship Program Effective January 1, 1970)

Because of the many letters and inquiries of people from all across the state asking for the privilege of doing something for our children, and because of seeing a need for a more balanced and uniform program, we will start this new sponsorship program as of January 1, 1970. This program has been approved by the Executive Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary State Convention and many, many individual auxiliaries. Those auxiliaries and individuals who now are sponsoring a child can simply select from the list below what they want to do and the items not taken by the present sponsors will be given to the people who are asking for a specific project. All present sponsors are encouraged to follow this plan:

FOOD: \$300 per year (\$25 per month).

CLOTHES: \$100 to \$150 per year depending upon the size of the child. One half in August for school clothing and one half in March for Easter.

CAMP: \$45 per year. Last year only five or six of our children had the privilege to go to camp. We would like for those ten years old and above to have this privilege.

ALLOWANCE: \$60 per year or \$5 per month. Some of our children are now getting too much money while some are getting too little. Then there are some who don't get any money at all. All 28 Children's Homes in North Carolina have an allowance system with the exception of our home and one more. We ask that the \$5 be sent to the office the first of each month making your checks payable to the home, beginning January 1, 1970. We will simply put all the allowance into one "pot" or fund and draw out in equal amounts for each grade level. This means the higher the grade level the more allowance a child will get. If you send in your \$5 for "your" child, he may get less or he may get more than \$5. But every child will get some. We are aware that for many reasons everyone will not send in this amount because some forget and don't send anything. What we are saying is that "our" children have to buy stamps, envelopes, and many small personal items; and to have a share alike program, we can better teach our children the value of money, thus teaching them to save.

CHRISTMAS: \$25 to \$35 per year. This amount has been arrived at by the many auxiliaries we have visited. We will continue to send you a list of the child's need and let you take care of Christmas in your own way spending what you like. However, the above amount is recommended by most auxiliaries we have visited.

BIRTHDAYS: \$1 to \$5 per year. This is mailed directly to the child.

Most times a child's birthday is an important occasion on our campus. Each child gets his personal cake on his birthday. He is free to share this cake with whomsoever he chooses. Your gift and the cake seems to single his out, thus making this day a special day.

SUMMARY: All the above funds should come to our office payable to the home with the exception of his birthday and Christmas unless agreed upon. We believe the above plan will improve our present system. We encourage your cooperation in helping to make our home a better home.

The following is a report of gifts received from the Western Conference District for the year 1967-1968, 1968-1969, and the suggested quotas for the year 1969-1970. The quotas for 1969-1970 are based upon our continuing needs to meet the schedule established in our Golden Anniversary Development Program and our general operation for the year.

CHURCHES	GIFTS		SUGGESTED QUOTA
	1967-1968	1968-1969	1969-1970
Barnes Hill	\$ 234.21	\$ 301.86	\$ 375.00
Black Jack Grove	82.32	173.78	225.00
Branch Chapel	628.32	667.65	800.00
Concord	25.00	16.70	
Calvary	234.27	235.11	300.00
Edgemont	205.64	171.00	300.00
Everett's Chapel	453.64	567.61	700.00
Eastwood Chapel	63.72	36.90	100.00
Elwood Lane	139.25	117.29	200.00
Flood's Chapel	149.50	192.00	250.00
Free Union	208.54	212.37	275.00
Fremont Chapel	135.00	192.61	250.00
Friendship	629.52	651.18	800.00
Holly Springs	500.00	405.00	500.00
Kenly	451.92	589.59	700.00
Little Rock	488.71	421.36	600.00
Mt. Zion (Nash Co.)	474.31	568.97	700.00
Mt. Zion (Wilson Co.)	58.79	63.00	200.00
Marsh Swamp	1,341.67	1,436.92	1,600.00
Micro	370.00	725.00	850.00
Memorial Chapel	150.00	142.00	200.00
Milbournie	675.44	354.75	400.00
Miscellaneous	908.14	3,865.70	1,500.00
Northern	150.00	158.00	200.00
New Sandy Plain	264.47	292.17	350.00
Pine Level	460.09	692.05	700.00
People's Chapel	670.10	553.65	725.00
Piney Grove	510.09	602.02	725.00
Pleasant Plain	378.87	432.63	525.00
Pleasant Grove	948.08	890.36	1,000.00

Pleasant Hill	398.45	380.30	500.00
Rains' Cross Roads	414.65	560.60	700.00
Rock Springs	109.84	134.20	200.00
Rose Bud	184.32	371.90	375.00
Selma	135.00	245.00	300.00
Sherron Acres	346.50	730.20	800.00
Spring Hill	161.00	285.00	300.00
Stancil's Chapel	549.81	581.49	650.00
Saint Mary's	480.01	830.85	850.00
Stoney Creek	761.42	810.37	900.00
Stony Hill	167.02	175.00	200.00
Union Chapel	69.00	84.62	150.00
Union Grove	335.00	491.63	550.00
Unity		96.00	150.00
Watson Grove	50.00	80.00	150.00
Wilson	2,265.00	1,161.48	2,000.00
Totals	\$18,416.63	\$23,170.87	\$24,825.00

This report received as information. An offering received for the Children's Home amounting to \$89.25. Prayer by Rev. C. F. Bowen.

The quartet sang "Jesus, Abide with Me" and "Little Talk with Jesus." Rev. Royster Martin led the congregation in singing "Have Faith in God."

The conference sermon was delivered by Rev. Paul Jenkins, using Matthew 14:5-21 as a text for the message entitled, "The Bread of Life in the Hands of the Church."

Benediction and blessing by Rev. C. L. Patrick.

L U N C H

The afternoon session was opened by the congregation singing "When We All Get to Heaven."

Devotions were conducted by Rev. Harold Mac Wallace, reading from 2 Timothy 4; closing his remarks with prayer.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Ordained Ministers Registered	46
Licentiates Registered	7
Ministers Transferring Membership	2
Ministers Dropped at Own Request	1
Visiting Ministers	14
Delegates Registered	70
Money Sent to Conference	\$ 508.00
Paid Pastors	112,244.76
Missions	11,405.19
Children's Home	15,713.54
Education	18,488.85

Other Purposes	132,097.09
Total Raised for Year	<u>\$290,457.43</u>
Number Members	6,880
Baptized	329
Average Sunday School Attendance	4,451
Died	71
Members of Woman's Auxiliary	901
Total Value of Church Property	\$1,956,650.00
Members Received by Letter	104
Members Restored	6
Dismissed by Letter	125
Excommunicated by Request	8
Members Dropped	133
Cragmont	\$ 1,428.95
League Attendance	527
Offering for College	\$ 31.68
Offering for Children's Home	\$ 89.25

By Credentials Committee

Appointment of temporary committees as follows:

RESOLUTIONS: R. C. Cherry, DeWayne Eakes, and William Dale.

NOMINATING: Paul Jenkins, Jimmy Barnes, Hillery Minchew, L. S. Joyner, and L. H. Boykin.

TEMPERANCE: Ray Wells, Willie Renfrow, and Jimmie Barfield.

MEMORIAL: Mrs. Florence Taylor, Mrs. Jean Sasser, and Mrs. Earl Jenkins.

REPORT OF WESTERN CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee has held four (4) meetings during the past year and attended to all business related to the duties of the committee.

A motion was made and carried to accept the invitation to hold the next conference at Calvary Church, Wilson, North Carolina.

A motion was made and carried to investigate Edgemont Church's desire to unite with the Piedmont Conference.

A motion was made and carried that Edgemont Church be dismissed from the Western Conference to unite with the Piedmont Conference as requested.

Motion was made and carried that the Executive Committee, on behalf of the conference, furnish flowers with the consent of the host church, in loving memory of the Rev. M. L. Johnson, past moderator, who passed away this past February.

Motion was made to accept the resignation of Mr. James Hunt from the Ministerial Character Committee, at his request.

As a matter of information to the conference, the Executive Committee reports the amount of \$16,413.92 has been paid to the attorneys and the Supreme Court for the Edgemont Church case.

Respectfully submitted,
Dewey C. Boling, MODERATOR
James V. Joyner, SECRETARY
R. H. Jackson
Luther E. Bissette

Motion was made and carried to accept report.

Motion was made and carried to amend motion to delete item (4).

A verbal report of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc., was given by Rev. Walter Reynolds, business manager. Report received as information.

REPORT OF STATE SUPERANNUATION BOARD

We are glad for the privilege to make this report to the Western Conference for the year 1968-69:

1. We have 7 ministers who receive regular pension checks, of this number three (3) are from the Western Conference.

2. We have 13 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. Churches	\$2,000.28
B. Sunday Schools	507.76
C. Auxiliaries	32.00
D. Leagues	10.00
E. Individuals	4,183.92

Total \$6,733.96

4. The budget for 1969-70 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, 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

A verbal report of the Church Finance Association was given by Rev. Hubert Burress. Report received as information.

Churches	County	Yearly Meeting	Regular Meetings	Missions	Children's Home	Education	Other Purposes	Paid Pastor	Total Raised	Members	Baptized	Died	Sunday School	League	Auxiliary	Conference	Church Property	Members Received	Cragmont	Delegates
Elwood Lane	Cabarrus	August	Full Time	\$ 151	\$ 110	\$ 25	\$ 4,301	\$4,240	\$ 8,806	112	15	1	61	22		\$10.00	\$100,000	15		Mrs. Paul Jenkins, P. J. Wagner
Northern	Durham	October	Full Time	1,423	697	611		5,200	20,897	275	29	1	232	40			115,000	29		No Report
Sherron Acres	Durham	October	Full Time					6,500		53	1		53	15		10.00		1		Kenneth Forehand, T. R. Register
Unity	Johnston	August	2nd and 4th	180	680	232	4,393	1,950	7,434	284	7	1	130			15.00	35,000	11	10	James R. McGhee
Branch Chapel	Johnston	January	Full Time	1,017	513	350	16,623	5,720	24,222	193	8		130	45	29	10.00	102,500	19		R. L. Moore and Wife
Everett's Chapel	Johnston	August	2nd and 4th	62	640	400	4,585	2,100	7,787	172	10	3	90			10.00	35,000	12	7	By Letter
Friendship	Johnston	July	Full Time	28	280	200	1,355	1,600	3,476	200	6	2	110	7	26	12.50	85,000	8	13	Osborne Wilder, Simon Allen
Holly Springs	Johnston	June	Full Time	366	467	395	3,143	4,940	9,236	179	3		165	30		25.00	47,500	4	50	Raymond Radford and Wife
Kenly	Johnston	May	Full Time	150	400	500	3,500	5,200	11,839	172	17	5	125	28		20.00	100,000	23	100	Rev. James Joyner
Micro	Johnston	August	Full Time	280	386	492	9,471	5,420	16,049	332	1	2	150	45		10.00	82,000	2	180	By Letter
Pine Level	Johnston	October	Full Time	540	224	387	1,093	3,150	5,395	252	14	3	165	19		10.00	50,000	16		Lloyd Strickland Jr.
Piney Grove	Johnston	October	Full Time	150	294	150	4,552	2,100	7,261	144	4	1	80	20		15.00	44,000	4	120	Joe Sasser and Wife
Pleasant Plain	Johnston	August	Full Time	250	500	1,400		2,500	2,150	200	3	2	130	25		15.00	30,000	5	50	By Letter
Rains' Cross Roads	Johnston	September	Full Time	299	125	156	1,426	1,515	3,682	159	1		90	15	18	8.00	10,500	1	15	L. P. Bissette and Wife
Selma	Johnston	August	1st and 3rd	87	653		247	1,300	2,205	79		2	80	20		10.00	15,000	2	15	By Letter
Stancil's Chapel	Nash	February	2nd and 4th	100	408	150	717	780	1,947	56	6	3	42	10		10.00	20,000	6	10	Mrs. Marie O'Brian, Mrs. Dorothy Wall
Barnes Hill	Nash	June	2nd and 4th	100	200	150	2,152	1,500	4,451	73	1	1	60	18		10.00	20,000	2	25	By Letter
Flood's Chapel	Nash	September	1st and 3rd	119	200	480		140	315	91	5		111			5.00		5		By Letter
Free Union	Nash		Full Time	25	50	100	1,869	2,000	4,825	172	3	4	110	22		25.00	25,000	3		H. C. Morgan
Memorial Chapel	Nash	July	Full Time	168	542	247	1,620	1,380	3,210	60	10		80	12		10.00	14,000	11	10	Henry W. Mitchell
Mt. Zion	Nash	June	1st and 3rd	22	129	89		1,500	2,789	147	19		95			10.00	15,000	21	25	By Letter
Rock Springs	Nash	April	1st and 3rd	30	150		1,497	510	1,857	24	2		45			5.00	2,500	3		By Letter
Stony Hill	Nash	July	2nd and 4th		80	56	58	1,470	6,836	47	1	1	115	15		5.00	14,000	2		Jimmy Strickland
Union Chapel	Wayne	April	1st and 3rd	135	191	10		3,600	10,500	185	18	1	110	30	45	10.00	15,000	22		By Letter
Black Jack Grove	Wayne	June	Full Time	281	50	150	5,782	2,296	10,287	247	10	3	171	40	40	40.00	84,500	20	100	Frank Bogue, George Thomas
Fremont Chapel	Wayne	May	Full Time	242	902	1,064	6,063	720	7,535	126	2	2	106	18	10	10.00	75,000	3	50	Rufus Hare and Wife
Pleasant Grove	Wayne	August	1st and 3rd	335	375	762	1,240	1,250	3,731	62	3		60	18		10.00	25,000	8		Floyd Baker, Clarence Bunn
Pleasant Hill	Wayne	August	Full Time	758	285	200	7,783	5,980	25,397	283	15	5	200	45	50	10.00	164,000	21	75	Mrs. Lavon Herring
Spring Hill	Wayne	October	Full Time	1,629	850	1,250	2,499	1,840	4,859	178	3	5	120	43		10.00	75,000	5	50	Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser, Mrs. Herbert Pate, Mrs. Foy Futrelle
Stoney Creek	Wayne	July	2nd and 4th	120	100	300	2,499	1,840	4,859	178	3	5	120	43		5.00		5		By Letter
Union Grove	Wilson	June	Full Time	124	205	134	5,474	4,200	10,137	165	25	1	112	22		20.00		31		Mrs. Gloria Harrell, Mrs. Martha Bartlett
Calvary	Wilson	June	Full Time	1,313	1,327	1,200	32,722	7,280	43,842	692	34	18	290	56		20.00	200,000	55	250	Rose Bowen, Eleanor Dickerson, Murial Tomlinson, Eleanor Sullivan,
First Church, Wilson	Wilson	August	Full Time																	Jerry Whitley, Judy Viverette, Fannie Lee Dickerson
Little Rock	Wilson	June	Full Time	155	460	1,010	3,027	4,320	8,973	282	2	5	150	42		15.00	80,650	3	149	Mrs. Esther Pennington, Imettie Raper, Braxton Jones
Marsh Swamp	Wilson	September	Full Time	261	1,437	2,172	8,669	5,300	17,840	338	10	6	160	23		15.00	70,000	12	114	Mrs. Lessie Coleman, Mrs. Mildred Boswell, Mrs. Eula Boyette, Mrs. Sallie Boyette
Milbournie	Wilson	May	Full Time	141	335	253	3,708	3,500	7,938	173	17	1	119	22		10.00	53,000	18	8	By Letter
Mt. Zion	Wilson		2nd and 4th	20	30	20	300	1,800	3,115	173	2	6	100	30		10.00	20,000	2		Rev. J. B. Godwin and Wife
New Sandy Hill	Wilson	April	1st and 3rd	20	443	478	4,503	1,800	7,244	143	6	1	90	13		10.00	55,000	6		Mrs. Jennie Sherrod, Mrs. Janie Williams
People's Chapel	Wilson	September	Full Time																	By Letter
Rose Bud	Wilson	June	Full Time	188	372	3	2,414	2,794	4,564	119	6	2	65	16		5.00	20,000	8		By Letter
St. Mary's	Wilson	June	Full Time	261	626	1,267	8,230	4,825	15,210	202	5	2	144	32		7.50	90,000	11	98	Odell Howell, Ava Williamson, Inez Edwards
Watson Grove	Wilson	November	1st and 3rd	25	80		50		155	12			25			5.00	1,000			By Letter
First Union Meeting							190		1,324							5.00				Curtis Jones, O. C. Williamson, Mrs. Dewey Boling, Mrs. W. E. Ren-
Second Union Meeting																10.00				frow, Miss Lynn Johnson
																				By Letter

A verbal report of the Student Fellowships was given by Rev. C. L. Patrick. Reports received as information.

Motion was made and carried to commend each one giving a report today.

Motion was made and carried to wave rule to accept the Rev. Harold Jones into this conference upon receipt of letter from the Central Conference.

PARTIAL REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Whereas, the antiwar movements; and

Whereas, the antiwar demonstrators and demonstrations have been and are encouraging the enemy to continue the war; and

Whereas, these encouragements to the enemy will cause the loss of life of many allied soldiers; therefore,

Be it resolved:

(1) That this, the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, give our "whole hearted support" to the President of the United States in his quest for an honorable peace in Vietnam.

(2) That the clerk of this conference be instructed to convey this resolution to the office of the President of the United States.

(3) That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Senator and Congressmen from the districts covered by this conference.

Prayer of benediction and adjournment.

THURSDAY MORNING

The morning session was opened with the congregation singing "At Calvary," led by Rev. Royster Martin.

Devotions were conducted by Rev. W. L. Poythress, reading Mark 14:8; followed by prayer.

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

Roll call of churches.

REPORT OF MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

SERVICES

Mount Olive College believes that its primary purpose is to provide a comprehensive program of Christian education for Free Will Baptists. These services include:

1. *Educational opportunities*, including financial assistance, for every student who has the desire and potential to attain a college education. No other college can do for Free Will Baptists young people what Mount Olive College can and we ask that you encourage students from your church to attend our own College.

2. *Ministerial students* and others preparing for church-related vocations are offered two years of basic education plus practical experience.

3. *Extension courses* in Bible are offered upon request when possible.

4. A *Ministers Institute* for pastors, their wives, and interested laymen is offered each summer.

5. A *Youth Conference* for high school students is also available to all Free Will Baptist students each summer.

6. *Pulpit supply and speakers for special occasions* are provided by members of the faculty and students upon requests.

7. *Auxiliary programs and study courses* are given by College personnel on a one-night basis when several auxiliaries in an area wish to come together for this purpose.

8. *Library services* are also available. The Moye Library contains approximately 19,000 volumes and the Free Will Baptist Historical Collection. Although materials in the Historical Collection may not be checked out, other books are available on loan.

APPRECIATION

The College is grateful to the Western Conference for its support last year and following is a report of gifts by each church as well as the suggested challenges for 1969-70.

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

A \$500,000 dormitory project to accommodate 126 men is now under construction and is scheduled to be put into use in the fall of 1970. This building is necessary for the College to continue its growth.

To assist churches in meeting their challenges to the College for both the general budget and the building program, the following dinners involving churches in the Western Conference have been planned:

Wayne County: October 15, 7:30 p. m., Mount Olive College Auditorium, Mount Olive, Ben Rollins and Hardy Talton, cochairmen.

Nash County: October 22, 7 p. m., Spring Hope Community Building, Spring Hope, Ben Bisette, chairman.

Wilson County: October 28, 7 p. m., American Legion Building, Wilson, James B. Hunt, chairman.

Johnston-Wake Counties: November 3, 7 p. m., South Smithfield Elementary School, Smithfield, Edmund Gonzalez and Sherwood Parker, cochairmen.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Western Conference is represented on the Mount Olive College Board of Directors by Mr. James B. Hunt from the Marsh Swamp Church. The College is grateful for his dedicated services and he will welcome opportunities to discuss with you your interest in the College and how it might better serve Free Will Baptists.

Report of gifts to Mount Olive College from July 1, 1968—June 30, 1969:

CHURCH	MEM- BER- SHIP	GIFTS 1968-69	PER CAPITA	CHAL- LENGE 1969-70
Barnes Hill	77	\$ 224.27	\$2.91	\$ 230
Black Jack Grove	92			100
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Edgemont	188			100
Elwood Lane	88	25.00	.28	150
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Flood's Chapel	52	150.00	2.88	160
Free Union	72	487.00	6.76	480
Fremont Chapel	161	289.05	1.79	300
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Holly Springs	194	173.03	.89	500
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MINISTERIAL CHARACTER COMMITTEE REPORT

Whereas, it is of public knowledge of the character of Brother Aaron Bass; and

Whereas, his fault in character is seemingly due to sickness; and

Whereas, it is the duty of the Ministerial Character Committee to protect the ministry of the Free Will Baptists from slander or ill repute;

We, your Ministerial Character Committee, recommend to this conference that Brother Aaron Bass be placed on probation for a period of one year.

If further proven reports are received in this period of time, his credentials as a Free Will Baptist minister shall become void.

This report was accepted by the conference.

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3. That the following name be removed from our roll of ordained ministers, as per his personal request: W. H. Barfield III.

4. That the following names be removed from our roll of ordained ministers to unite with other conferences: Ray Emerson Wells and Albert T. Coats.

5. The following expense be paid by the conference to the Rev. Albert T. Coats for five Thompson Chain Reference Bibles at \$11.75 each, total \$58.75.

6. That the following be received as information: Due to the question as to whether a person is ordained and is under the age of 21, according to a Wayne County attorney, Ogdon Parker, any action done by any person who is ordained and recognized as such would be valid in the state of North Carolina.

7. That all churches and ministers be reminded that any minister from another conference who is pastoring in the Western Conference, he must be cleared through the Ordination Board of the conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph H. Ingram, CHAIRMAN

Raymond E. Jones, SECRETARY

Willie Renfrow

Clyde Cox

Royster Martin

ORDINATION SERVICE

At the eleven o'clock service the Board of Ordination held its annual service. A duet, composed of Rev. J. B. Starnes and Rev. Clyde Cox, sang, "There's No Friend to Me Like Jesus." The sermon was delivered by Rev. Raymond Jones. The hand of fellowship was extended to the ministers received into the conference (see the report of Ordination Board) during the singing of "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings." During this service, the Rev. David Hoke was ordained into the ministry. Prayer of benediction.

LUNCH

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon devotions were conducted by Rev. DeWayne Eakes, using Psalm 53 as a basis for his remarks; followed by prayer. The quartet preceded the devotions by singing, "I Have Been Redeemed."

Final report of Credentials Committee (note previous day).

NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

OFFICERS FOR 1969-1970:

Moderator—Rev. R. H. Jackson

Assistant Moderator—Rev. Clyde Cox
Clerk—Rev. James V. Joyner
Treasurer—Mr. Luther Bissette

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Rev. R. H. Jackson
Rev. Clyde Cox
Rev. James V. Joyner
Mr. Luther Bissette
Rev. Dewey Boling, Member at Large

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Rev. Clarence Bowen to replace Rev. R. N. Hinnant.

BOARD OF ORDINATION:

Rev. Boyd Shook to succeed Rev. Raymond Jones.
Rev. J. C. Yates to replace Rev. Clyde Cox.

BOARD OF MINISTERIAL CHARACTER:

Rev. Raymond Jones to succeed Rev. J. C. Yates.
Rev. J. B. Starnes to replace Mr. J. B. Hunt.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

Rev. Earl Minchew to succeed Mr. Henry Barfield.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Jenkins
Jimmy Barnes
L. S. Joyner
L. H. Boykin
H. M. Minchew

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Whereas, the United States Government requires a health warning on all cigarettes; let us as the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, write a letter to our Congressman and State Representatives, that such a health hazard label be placed on all alcoholic beverages.

Respectfully submitted,
Temperance Committee

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. Whereas, the conference did not grant the Rev. R. N. Hinnant a lifetime honorary membership as minister of the Western Conference; and

Whereas, he may expect to have obtained a lifetime membership; and

Whereas, this may prevent his reporting to the conference every two years, as required by the conference for a minister to be in good standing; therefore,

Be it resolved: that this conference request the clerk to write to Brother R. N. Hinnant, informing him of the conference's action on this motion.

2. Be it resolved, that we, the Western Conference, establish a scholarship fund to be divided equally among the ministerial students of the Western Conference, and that the scholarship be set up in the amount of \$100.

3. (Recommendation from the First Union Meeting of the Western Conference.)

Motion to recommend either reinstatement of the Western Conference Mission Board or the appointment of a study commission to determine the feasibility of same.

This resolution was tabled.

4. Whereas, the Calvary Church has been a most gracious host to this eighty-third session of the Western Conference;

Be it resolved; that this conference extend to Calvary Church a rising vote of thanks.

REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

We submit this report in loving memory of all our ministers and members who have been called home to be with the Lord since our last conference. Memorialized were the Revs. M. L. Johnson and Romie Mitchell.

(This report, in its entirety, was not available.)

Motion was made and carried that the Ordination Board form a committee to work with the college, and those needed, to work out plans for the Scholarship Fund and bring back a report to the next year's conference.

Motion was made and carried to give a rising vote of thanks to outgoing moderator and officers.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Brought Forward	\$263.61
Received from Churches at Conference	533.00
Collection for Mount Olive College	56.26
Collection for Children's Home	55.17

Total to Account For	<u>\$908.04</u>
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PAID OUT

Secretary's Expenses	\$ 81.00
Children's Home	55.17
Treasurer	15.00
Mount Olive College	56.26
Albert T. Coats (Bibles)	58.75
For Conference Minutes	204.26
Copying Minutes	30.00
Johnson Steeple Fund	10.00

Executive Board's Expenses 247.34

Total Paid Out 757.89

Balance in Treasury \$150.15

Motion was made and carried that each church send \$5 or more, each seating of conference, for the Scholarship Fund.

Motion was made and carried that the clerk check for invitation for next year's conference.

Motion was made and carried that conference adjourn.

Closing devotions were led by Rev. Jimmie L. Barfield; followed by prayer of benediction.

Rev. R. H. Jackson, MODERATOR

Rev. James V. Joyner, 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 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. 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 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 Committee: 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 ($\frac{2}{3}$) 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. 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 and reported to his local church.

ARTICLE 3: If any member, in the judgment of the conference, shall show anger in his discussion on any subject, he shall forfeit his seat in that session.

ARTICLE 4: No member of the conference shall be at liberty to withdraw without leave of the moderator.

ARTICLE 5: The conference 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.

ARTICLE 7: The conference shall open and close with suitable devotions to God.

ARTICLE 8: The minutes of the conference shall be signed by the moderator and clerk.

