

M I N U T E S
of the
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Officers for the Year 1971-1972

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CLERK	James V. Joyner
TREASURER	Luther Bissette

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

F. A. Morris	1972
L. S. Joyner	1973
Clarence Bowen	1974
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Billy Yawn	1976

BOARD OF ORDINATION

Joe Ingram	1972
Royster Martin	1973
Boyd Shook	1974
William L. Dale	1975
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BOARD OF MINISTERIAL CHARACTER

Edgar Benton	1972
R. C. Cherry	1973
Harold Mac Wallace	1974
J. B. Godwin	1975
Foy C. Futrelle	1976

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Jimmy Hodges	1972
Paul Jenkins	1973
Harry Grubbs	1974
De Wayne Eakes	1975
Ray Wells	1976

Ordained Ministers and Their Addresses

Aycock, Ralph, Route 1, Kenly, N. C. 27542
 Bass, Aaron, Box 185, Fremont, N. C. 27830
 Bass, Walter V., Route 2, Box 113, Pikeville, N. C. 27863
 Barfield, Jimmie L., Route 3, Kenly, N. C. 27542
 Barnes, Jimmy, Route 1, Kenly, N. C. 27542
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 Bowen, Clarence F., 1731 Hillcrest Drive, Wilson, N. C. 27893
 Boykin, W. G., Dorothea Dix Hospital, Raleigh, N. C. 27602
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 Cherry, Roland C., Box 247, Micro, N. C. 27555
 Dale, William L., Route 7, Box 351, Goldsboro, N. C. 27530
 Davis, Milton, Route 2, Princeton, N. C. 27569
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 Edwards, Jasper, Route 3, Selma, N. C. 27576
 Etheridge, C. R., P. O. Box 5, Arapahoe, N. C. 28510
 Ferrell, Wiley, 608 Tower Street, Selma, N. C. 27576
 Futch, William E., Route 1, Box 57-A, Kenly, N. C. 27542
 Futrelle, Foy C., Route 7, Box 100, Goldsboro, N. C. 27530
 Gerald, Joe, P. O. Box 283, Pikeville, N. C. 27863
 Godwin, J. B., Route 2, Selma, N. C. 27576
 Greene, George L., P. O. Box 215, Elm City, N. C. 27822
 Grubbs, Harry C., Route 4, Box 473-A, Wilson, N. C. 27893
 Hales, Milford, Route 3, Kenly, N. C. 27542
 Harris, R. P., 1200 Tarboro Street, Rocky Mount, N. C. 27801
 Harrison, Frank R., 112 College Circle, Mount Olive, N. C. 28365
 Hinnant, R. N., Box 712, Denham Springs, La. 70726
 Hodges, Jimmy A., Route 1, Concord, N. C. 28025
 Ingram, Joseph H., Route 2, Box 56, Goldsboro, N. C. 27530
 Jackson, R. H., Route 3, Box 221, Benson, N. C. 27504
 Jenkins, H. Paul, 2114 Bertha Street, Kannapolis, N. C. 28081
 Johnson, Douglas, Box 528, Clayton, N. C. 27520
 Johnson, Felton, Route 3, Kenly, N. C. 27542
 Johnson, Joe H., Route 3, Kenly, N. C. 27542
 Jones, Curtis W., 104 Spruce Street, Williamston, N. C. 27892
 Jones, Harold, 25 Matiyaga, East Avenue Subdivision, Diliman, Quezon City,
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 Jones, Raymond, 310 Southerland Street, Durham, N. C. 27700
 Jordan, Billy Ray, P. O. Box 3662, Wilson, N. C. 27893
 Joyner, James V., Box 487, Kenly, N. C. 27542
 Joyner, L. S., 1220 Lynn Road, Durham, N. C. 27700
 Langley, Robert L., 103 Luveer Street, Plymouth, N. C. 28579

Martin, Royster, Box 37, Micro, N. C. 27555
 Minchew, Earl, Route 2, Princeton, N. C. 27569
 Minchew, H. M., Route 1, Kenly, N. C. 27542
 Moore, R. L.
 Morgan, Charles, Route 1, Bailey, N. C. 27807
 Parrish, Walton E., Route 2, Kenly, N. C. 27542
 Poythress, W. L., 215 Dewey Street, Wilson, N. C. 27893
 Rivenbark, Fred A., Route 2, Patetown Road, Goldsboro, N. C. 27530
 Rollins, Robert, Box 337, Pine Level, N. C. 27568
 Sasser, Eunice "Buddy," Box 72, Jordan Hall, Oakland City College, Oakland City, Ind. 47560
 Shook, Boyd L., 508 N. Pollock Street, Selma, N. C. 27576
 Suggs, Charles W., Route 4, Goldsboro, N. C. 27530
 Swain, John D., Route 2, Nashville, N. C. 27856
 Taylor, Gary M., United States Air Force
 Therrell, L. L., 606 Holly Avenue, Kannapolis, N. C. 28081
 Tyner, Luby C., 907 W. Waddell Street, Selma, N. C. 27576
 Wallace, Harold Mac, 817 Lynn Road, Durham, N. C. 27700
 Wells, Ray, 703 Webb Street, Selma, N. C. 27576
 Yates, J. C., 903 North Wright Avenue, Kannapolis, N. C. 28081
 Yawn, Billy R., Route 1, Box 277, Clayton, N. C. 27520

LICENTIATES AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Bissette, Luther, Route 1, Sims, N. C. 27880
 Crumpler, Noble, Box 151, Kenly, N. C. 27542
 Flowers, Frank, Goldsboro, N. C. 27530
 Gray, Raymond C. Jr.
 Herndon, Henry III, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, N. C. 28365
 Hoke, David, Durham, N. C. 27700
 Holland, Keith, Route 1, Kenly, N. C. 27542
 Markuson, Alfred J., Clayton, N. C. 27520
 Skinner, J. Douglas, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, N. C. 28365
 Turnmire, Walter, 2108 Brantley Road, Kannapolis, N. C. 28081

Letters or word were received from the following as to why they could not attend this conference: C. F. Bowen, Lester Duncan, De Wayne Eakes, William Futch, Milford Hales, R. N. Hinnant, Douglas Johnson, Harold Jones, L. S. Joyner, Luby Tyner, and Billy Yawn.

VISITING MINISTERS

Cape Fear Conference—Walter Reynolds.
Eastern Conference—Noah Brown and David Brinson.
Central Conference—Cedric Pierce Jr. and Hubert Buiress.
Palmetto Conference, South Carolina—Johnny Bullman and R. H. Barnett.
National—Herman Griffin, Tommy Godley, and Robert Burke.

Churches, Counties, and Pastors for 1971-72

CABARRUS COUNTY

Elwood Lane—H. Paul Jenkins

DURHAM COUNTY

Northern—Harry Brown

Sherron Acres—Harold M. Wallace

Unity—Raymond Jones

JOHNSTON COUNTY

Branch Chapel—Luby Tyner

Everett's Chapel—Billy R. Yawn

Friendship—Terry Woodard

Holly Springs—W. R. Martin

Kenly—James V. Joyner

Micro—Roland C. Cherry

Pine Level—Robert Rollins

Piney Grove—Jimmy Pittman

Pleasant Plain—Walter Bass

Rains Cross Roads—William Futch

Selma—Ray Wells

Stancil's Chapel—J. B. Godwin

NASH COUNTY

Barnes Hill—Charles Morgan

Flood's Chapel—Charles Morgan

Free Union—Lester Duncan

Memorial Chapel—Terry Woodard

Mount Zion—John Swain

Rock Springs—Luther Bisette

Stony Hill—Robert Jones

Union Chapel—Walton E. Parrish

WAYNE COUNTY

Black Jack Grove—W. J. Tyner

Fremont Chapel—Boyd Shook

Pleasant Grove—Joe Gerald

Pleasant Hill—C. M. Coats

Spring Hill—William L. Dale

Stoney Creek—Fred A. Rivenbark

Union Grove—R. P. Harris

WILSON COUNTY

Calvary—Dewey C. Boling

First Church, Wilson—C. F. Bowen

Little Rock—De Wayne Eakes

Marsh Swamp

Milbournie—Harry Grubbs

Mount Zion—J. B. Godwin
New Sandy Hill—R. P. Harris
People's Chapel—Carey Cheshire
Rose Bud—Edgar Benton
Saint Mary's—Davie Brinson
Watson Grove—Jimmie L. Barfield

FIRST UNION MEETING—Dewey C. Boling, Moderator

SECOND UNION MEETING—Luther Bissette, Moderator

Church Clerks and Addresses

CABARRUS COUNTY

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

DURHAM COUNTY

Northern—Janice Tice, 3603 Grimes Avenue, Durham, N. C. 27703

Sherron Acres—Mrs. J. C. Spring, 706 Midway Avenue, Durham, N. C.
27703

Unity—Roy Dolinger, 3708 Wake Forest Road, 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—H. T. Pope Jr., Route 2, Kenly, N. C. 27542

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

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

Pine Level—Glenwood P. Crocker, Route 2, Box 178-A, Selma, N. C.
27576

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

Pleasant Plain—Odell Foster, Route 3, Selma, N. C. 27576

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

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

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

NASH COUNTY

Barnes Hill—Mrs. Norma Bozelle, 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—Miss Pattie Davis, Route 2, Box 13, Middlesex, N.
C. 27557

Mount 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—Hilda Thorne, Route 2, Box 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 S. Murphy Street, Goldsboro, N. C. 27530

Fremont Chapel—Floyd Newsome, Route 3, Box 438-A, Wilson, N. C. 27893

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

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

Spring Hill—Mrs. Frances Radford, Route 5, Box 814, Goldsboro, N. C. 27530

Stoney Creek—Mrs. Mary Kennedy, Route 1, Box 306, Pikeville, N. C. 27863

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

WILSON COUNTY

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

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

Little Rock—Wade H. Davis, Route 2, 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

Mount Zion—Evel Boykin, Route 3, Kenly, N. C. 27542

New Sandy Hill—Mrs. Frances Hall, Route 1, Sims, N. C. 27880

Oak Grove—Pat Gardner, 515 Grove Street, Wilson, N. C. 27893

People's Chapel—Mrs. Carol Perry, Route 2, Box 416, Elm City, N. C. 27822

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

Saint Mary's—Mrs. Lawrence E. Price, 1408 Dogwood Lane, Wilson, N. C. 27893

Watson's 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—Edgar Benton, Route 2, Fremont, N. C. 27830

PROCEEDINGS

The eighty-fifth annual session of the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with Elwood Lane Church, Kannapolis, North Carolina, October 13, 14, 1971.

The conference was called to order by the secretary. The moderator introduced the Rev. Roland Cherry to lead the devotions, using 1 Corinthians 4:9. His remarks were followed by prayer. The congregation sang, "He Keeps Me Singing."

A hearty welcome was extended by the host pastor, the Rev. Paul Jenkins. Response was given by the Rev. Dewey Boling.

ROLL CALL OF MINISTERS

Ministers present first day: Dewey Boling, Harry Brown, Roland Cherry, William Dale, Foy Futrelle, Harry Grubbs, Frank Harrison, Joseph Ingram, R. H. Jackson, Paul Jenkins, Joe Johnson, Raymond Jones, James Joyner, Royster Martin, Charles Morgan, Boyd Shook, L. L. Therrell, J. C. Yates, J. B. Godwin, John Swain, and Billy Ray Jordan.

Ministers present second day: Dewey Boling, Harry Brown, Roland Cherry, William Dale, Foy Futrelle, Harry Grubbs, Frank Harrison, R. H. Jackson, Paul Jenkins, Joe Johnson, Raymond Jones, James Joyner, Royster Martin, Boyd Shook, L. L. Therrell, J. C. Yates, J. B. Godwin, John Swain, Luther Bissette, and Jack Barnett.

Roll call of churches with 41 of the 42 churches reported, represented either by delegation or letter. One of the two union meetings were represented by letter and moderator. The other union meeting's moderator was present.

Partial report of the Ordaining Board. On motion to receive report and to receive into the conference delegates and minister of Oak Grove Church, as well as incoming ministers.

Recognition of visitors (see list of visiting ministers).

REPORT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Appreciation: Please accept our most sincere appreciation for your continued valuable support during the past year! Financially, we have had one of the best years in the history of the Children's Home and you have helped make it that way. Thanks, also, for your prayers and moral support. We must continue to have these in order for our ministry of child care to be successful.

Open-Door Visitation Policy: We always appreciate your letters, cards, gifts, contributions, and any other way you may remember our children. However, it means much greater understanding and appreciation if you can visit us in person and know that you have had a part in making their life more meaningful. You have a standing invitation to visit on campus, to observe the operation of the Home, and to discuss any questions which may

be of concern to you. Please be assured that you will be given a hearty welcome.

Our Children: To date, the Children's Home has provided care for a total of 603 children since the first were admitted on May 23, 1920. Of this number, we now have 67 children on campus, consisting of 37 boys and 30 girls. In addition, one girl is in the Vocational Rehabilitation Training Program in Kinston, North Carolina, and we are assisting three girls in higher education.

Building Program: Construction has begun on the new residence for the director of campus life and family. The work is on schedule and should be completed by early November.

New Director of Campus Life: Mr. James T. Pully began his duties as our new director of campus life on September 15, 1971. He comes to us from the Richard T. Fountain School for Boys, Rocky Mount, North Carolina, where he has served as counselor for the past five years.

November Is Children's Home Month: Again this year, the month of November has been designated as "Children's Home Month" and Sunday, November 21, as "Children's Home Day" by the North Carolina State Convention. We urge each church and other organizations to give at least \$1 per member as a "Special Thanksgiving Gift" to the Home. An honor roll of all organizations who send this amount will be published in *The Free Will Baptist*. Please start making plans now for your church, Sunday school, or other church auxiliaries to be included in this honor roll.

Thanksgiving Day Service: Please don't forget that there will *not* be a special Thanksgiving Day Service at the Children's Home this year. It is felt that our children deserve to spend Thanksgiving with their friends and families. We urge you to plan to help us make our Founders' Day in May, 1972, the big event of the year on our campus.

Report of Contributions and Suggested Quotas: Below is a report of the contributions received from this district during last year, compared with those of the year before, and a listing of the suggested quotas for the year 1971-1972. The suggested quotas are based on the suggested conference quotas as approved by the North Carolina State Convention on September 16, 1971. They are based upon our needs for general operating funds in order to meet our budget of \$250,000, which is very much in line with last year's budget. If each church will meet its challenge we will have raised the \$207,000 needed in religious contributions. Please help your church meet this challenge.

The following is a report of gifts received from the Western Conference for the years 1969-70 and 1970-71, plus the suggested quotas for the year 1971-72. The quotas for 1971-72 are based upon the continuing needs to meet the ever-growing needs of our children. The cost of child care continues to increase, and all of us at the Children's Home are counting on you for your continuing support.

	Gifts		Suggested
	1969-1970	1970-1971	Quotas 1971-1972
Churches			
Branch Chapel	\$ 663.77	\$ 1,090.37	\$ 1,500.00
Barnes Hill	625.98	589.18	900.00
Black Jack Grove	150.00	195.00	300.00
Calvary	237.65	565.10	800.00
Concord Mission (No longer a church)	1,813.94		
Eastwood Chapel	97.49	42.51	200.00
Elwood Lane	403.85	136.02	400.00
Everett's Chapel	654.63	1,242.54	1,500.00
Fremont	208.00	188.55	400.00
Free Union	194.00	223.50	400.00
Flood's Chapel	200.00	200.00	300.00
Friendship	1,130.35	1,024.25	1,300.00
Holly Springs	431.00	544.94	800.00
Kenly	489.85	670.53	900.00
Little Rock	794.67	899.71	1,200.00
Marsh Swamp	1,354.97	1,767.08	2,000.00
Miscellaneous	1,176.40	982.34	1,500.00
Milbournie	461.00	764.50	1,000.00
Memorial Chapel	60.00	272.95	300.00
Micro	466.80	570.00	900.00
Mt. Zion (Nash)	563.55	683.04	1,000.00
Mt. Zion (Wilson)	91.88	36.31	200.00
New Sandy Hill	364.12	611.81	900.00
Northern	138.62	100.00	200.00
People's Chapel	753.46	1,430.31	1,700.00
Piney Grove	895.48	745.90	1,200.00
Pine Level	547.56	1,184.15	1,500.00
Pleasant Hill	425.00	637.02	900.00
Pleasant Grove	1,230.62	1,164.97	1,500.00
Pleasant Plain	473.73	374.21	700.00
Rains Cross Roads	711.00	580.15	1,000.00
Rock Springs	155.75	190.80	400.00
Rose Bud	348.45	429.83	600.00
Stancil's Chapel	675.53	765.03	1,000.00
Selma	175.00	366.15	600.00
Sherron Acres	950.00	1,490.00	1,600.00
Stoney Creek	1,167.78	850.00	1,200.00
Saint Mary's	678.86	1,246.70	1,500.00
Spring Hill	675.00	480.00	800.00
Stony Hill	160.26	226.45	400.00
Union Chapel	98.11	87.10	200.00
Union Grove	698.00	631.66	900.00
Unity	207.00	383.30	600.00

Watson's Grove	50.00	50.00	150.00
White Oak Hill			150.00
Wilson	2,258.87	2,243.15	2,500.00
Totals	\$22,874.43	\$28,957.11	\$40,000.00

Respectfully submitted,
Cedric D. Pierce Jr., *Superintendent*

Report received as information.

REPORT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS FOUNDATION, INC.

We have enjoyed another good year and for this we are very grateful. However, we want to especially express our appreciation to you for your prayers and support to this institution. Without this support from Free Will Baptist people we could not render much service to our denomination.

The Free Will Baptist Press Foundation belongs to Free Will Baptist people and it is an institution that we can well be proud of. This institution has been in existence for almost one hundred years and is the oldest Free Will Baptist institution in North Carolina. God has richly blessed our work through the years. He has guided us through many troublesome times. Even in this very present day with the ever-increasing inflation we must trust the Lord to guide us safely on:

The Free Will Baptist Press Foundation is the one institution that does not call for contributions to support its program. However, we must depend on your concern and patronage in order to maintain a worthwhile existence. The Press Foundation is not just a business bidding for your trade; it is a business which offers a service and is able to provide benefits for those who avail themselves of this service. This is *our* institution—yours and mine—and as such we expect and need your loyalty; and we in turn offer our best and trust that each new year will find us doing more.

I view the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation as that institution that renders great and valuable service to our denomination and to our world. There are some services now being rendered that perhaps you are not aware of. Even though many of our Free Will Baptist people subscribe to our Free Will Baptist paper, this facet of the work is a service to our church because we do not derive enough money from subscriptions to defray the expenses of this weekly publication. However, we believe the information from our churches and the other institutions needs to be made available to our people, and through *The Free Will Baptist* this is possible. There are also many Sunday school quarterlies that, because of the small volume, do not bring in enough compensation to defray the expense involved. Again we believe that these are needful and that our church should not be denied these materials simply because our denomination is small. We are ready and willing to render this service, even at a sacrifice on our part. Your loyalty and encouragement will help make it possible for us to continue. There are many other areas and many other possibilities for service.

If you are a Free Will Baptist you should be receiving the Free Will Baptist paper. If you are not receiving it, why not subscribe to it now?

You are invited to visit the Press Foundation individually or in groups. We will be glad for youth groups, auxiliaries, men's groups, etc. to hold their meetings in the chapel at any time. Arrangements can be made by contacting Walter Reynolds, P. O. Box 158, Ayden, North Carolina—telephone 746-6128.

We will be glad to help you with any of your Sunday school or church needs. The Press Foundation can supply your needs for classroom equipment, visual aid materials, lesson commentaries, as well as church furniture, art stained and decorative glass work, fiberglass church steeples and baptismal pools, pianos, organs, choir robes, and other religious merchandise. Let us help you.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter Reynolds, *Manager*

Report received as information.

REPORT OF SUPERANNUATION BOARD

(July 1, 1970 — June 30, 1971)

This has been a good year and the Lord has blessed the superannuation program in many ways. We are grateful to God for His blessings and to you for your prayers and support of this work.

Our work is needful. At the present time there are five ministers and twelve ministers' widows receiving over two hundred sixty-nine dollars on an average each month. We have life insurance on sixty of our ministers with an annual premium of over fifty-five hundred dollars; and the board pays two thirds of this premium. This life insurance amounts to more than one hundred ten thousand dollars. There are eighteen ministers' families and fifty-one individual ministers and ministers' wives participating in the group hospital program. The monthly premium is more than eight hundred eighty dollars, paid by those participating. There are seventy-six ministers enrolled in the *Ministerial Retirement System* in the approximate amount of fifty-six hundred dollars. Thus the board is liable for about twenty-eight hundred dollars each year to insure the retirement and death benefits of the retirement program.

We have two primary needs. The *first* is more funds to increase every phase of our superannuation work. We need over sixteen hundred fifty dollars in gifts (not premium payments) each month from our churches to reach the budget of twenty thousand dollars adopted by the State Convention. *Second*, there is a need for more and greater participation on the part of our ministers in the *Threefold Superannuation Program*. There are almost two hundred ministers associated with the State Convention, but only seventy-six have enrolled in all or a part of this program.

YOU CAN HELP

1. You can and should pray for the work of superannuation and for the

members of the Board of Superannuation. You should pray for the ministers of our denomination, and especially for your pastor.

2. You should assist your pastor in preparing for retirement through the superannuation program as recommended by the State Convention, either by paying the total premiums or by paying a percentage of the premiums.

3. You can assist your church and pastor in making regular offerings to this most worthy cause. Be sure that this cause is included in the budget of your church in proportion to meet our needs. To insure the benefits we are offering to our ministers, we need the support of every Free Will Baptist.

4. Remember that October is *Superannuation Month*. Send your contribution to: North Carolina Board of Superannuation, P. O. Box 474, Ayden, North Carolina 28513.

Report of contributions from Western Conference:

<i>Churches</i>	<i>Contributions</i>	<i>Challenges</i>
Barnes Hill	\$ 14.00	\$ 50.00
Black Jack Grove	28.00	75.00
Branch Chapel	25.00	75.00
Calvary	30.00	75.00
Elwood Lane		75.00
Everett's Chapel	91.36	100.00
Flood's Chapel	25.00	75.00
Free Union	50.00	100.00
Fremont		75.00
Friendship	98.00	100.00
Holly Springs	7.00	75.00
Kenly	68.00	100.00
Little Rock	100.00	150.00
Marsh Swamp	110.00	150.00
Memorial Chapel	26.77	75.00
Micro, First		100.00
Milbournie	210.00	225.00
Mt. Zion (Nash)	58.00	100.00
Mt. Zion (Wilson)		50.00
New Sandy Hill		50.00
People's Chapel	120.00	150.00
Pine Level	100.00	125.00
Piney Grove	57.33	100.00
Pleasant Grove	100.00	125.00
Pleasant Hill	125.00	150.00
Pleasant Plain	118.68	150.00
Rains Cross Roads	125.00	150.00
Rock Spring	10.00	50.00
Rose Bud	86.53	100.00
Saint Mary's	132.15	150.00
Selma		100.00

Sherron Acres		100.00
Spring Hill	150.00	150.00
Stancil's Chapel	34.68	75.00
Stoney Creek	100.00	150.00
Stony Hill		50.00
Union Chapel	18.00	75.00
Union Grove	75.00	100.00
Unity		50.00
Watson Grove		50.00
Wilson, First	150.00	200.00
Individuals	27.00	
First Western Sunday School Convention	50.00	50.00
Second Western Sunday School Convention	60.00	75.00

Totals

\$2,580.50

\$4,350.00

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Reynolds, *Director-Treasurer*

Report received as information.

REPORT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION MISSION BOARD

Greetings from your missionaries and Mission Board of the State Convention of North Carolina.

Words cannot express the goodness of God to our work this past year. It has been a year that has been filled with many blessings and a few heart-aches. God has abundantly blessed this phase of our church work. We are realizing a more secure foundation each year in the work of missions. Our people are more concerned in their prayer and support interest.

The Rev. and Mrs. Joe Barrow are now in their third year of work in Rhodesia. It has been a grand experience for them to work there during these past years. God has used them to bring the light of the gospel to the darkness of this great country. Joe, Faye, Shelia, and Sharon are doing fine as far as their health is concerned. They request your prayers for them in their future work.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Timmons are reporting great success and interest in the work in Mexico. They are striving to build up the school facilities and also to encourage the eight pastors on the field. During the summer, June Hodges and Pam Temple worked in vacation Bible school there in Mexico. This proved to be a great experience in both the work and workers. Continue to pray for the Lord of harvest to send forth laborers in the vineyard of Mexico.

The Rev. and Mrs. Harold Jones are very enthusiastic about the work in the Philippines. They are now in Manilla in language school. This is one of the hardest tasks for a missionary, but by God's grace and your prayers, they will make it through. They attend classes five hours a day, then

they spend two to three hours a day listening to tapes and studying the language book. Pray for them in this endeavor.

We want to express our appreciation to you and your church for your support of this past year. What will next year's record be for your church?

Record of giving in the Western Conference and suggested quotas for 1971-72:

Churches	Amount Given 1970-1971	Suggested Quota 1971-1972
Black Jack Grove	\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00
Barnes Hill	128.78	200.00
Branch Chapel	282.53	350.00
Calvary	254.42	300.00
Elwood Lane	81.64	150.00
Everett's Chapel	1,002.49	1,200.00
First Church, Wilson	1,891.98	2,000.00
Flood's Chapel	110.00	175.00
Free Union	148.85	200.00
Fremont	595.00	750.00
Friendship	88.00	150.00
Holly Springs	149.17	250.00
Kenly	488.87	555.00
Little Rock	294.67	375.00
Marsh Swamp	359.89	450.00
Memorial Chapel	82.32	150.00
Micro	95.00	150.00
Milbournie	320.00	450.00
Mt. Zion, Nashville	265.43	350.00
Mt. Zion, Kenly		100.00
New Hope		100.00
New Sandy Hill	81.64	150.00
Northern	115.00	200.00
People's Chapel	1,218.00	1,350.00
Pine Level	330.60	425.00
Pleasant Grove	3,575.26	3,600.00
Piney Grove	657.26	725.00
Pleasant Hill	542.66	600.00
Pleasant Plain	297.20	375.00
Rains Cross Roads	431.00	550.00
Rose Bud	92.28	150.00
Rock Springs	20.00	100.00
Sherron Acres	3,215.00	3,300.00
Selma	258.03	350.00
Spring Hill	870.55	900.00
Stancel's Chapel	95.24	150.00
Stoney Creek	1,632.00	1,800.00

Saint Mary's	457.74	525.00
Stony Hill	37.77	100.00
Union Chapel	10.00	100.00
Union Grove	605.00	700.00
Unity	30.00	100.00
Watson's Grove		100.00
Second Union	100.00	100.00
First Union	300.00	400.00
Western Conference Woman's Auxiliary Convention	152.31	200.00
Individuals	50.00	
First Western Sunday School Convention	50.00	100.00
Western Youth Fellowship	113.91	200.00
Total	\$22,127.49	\$25,955.00

The above report is for all contributions to the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Mission Board for the period of July 1, 1970, through June 30, 1971. If there are questions or corrections, I shall be glad to discuss them with the representative of your church.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Ingram, *Director-Treasurer*

Report received as information.

Remarks by the moderator.

The congregation sang, "Have Thine Own Way Lord."

The Ladies' Trio of Elwood Lane Church sang, "He Filled a Longing" and "City of Gold."

An offering was received for the Children's Home in the amount of \$50.36. Prayer of dedication for the offering and Children's Home offered.

The conference sermon was delivered by the Rev. R. H. Jackson, using Exodus 14:10-18 as his scriptural text. His message was entitled, "Speaking Unto the Children of Israel That They Go Forward."

Grace and the benediction were given by the Rev. Johnny Bullman.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was opened with the congregation singing "Love Lifted Me." Devotions were led by the Rev. Joe Gerald, reading 1 John 2: 1, 2; followed by prayer.

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Credentials Committee wishes to report that there are 27 delegates and 27 ministers present today who are members of this conference. There are also eight visiting ministers and others who are visiting. We so move that we recognize the delegates and ministers of this conference as

having voting privileges, and cordially welcome the visiting ministers and others to this conference.

Respectfully submitted,
The Credentials Committee

On motion to accept report.

The moderator appointed temporary committees as follows:

Credentials: Ray Wells, Paul Jenkins, Joe Gerald, Harry Grubbs, and Robert Rollins.

Nominating: Paul Jenkins, J. B. Godwin, Charles Morgan, Foy Futtelle, and Lloyd Edwards.

Memorial: Mrs. William Dale, Mrs. Charles Morgan, and Mrs. J. B. Godwin.

Resolutions: Harry Brown, John Swain, and Frank Harrison.

Temperance: Dewey Boling, Harry Grubbs, and George Greene.

Parliamentarian: Dewey Boling.

REPORT OF THE CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

(AUGUST 31, 1971)

The Church Finance Association, Inc. is owned and operated by Free Will Baptists of North Carolina. The association has been serving the needs of our people since 1940.

We give thanks to God for the blessings bestowed on our work. We would like to thank everyone who has supported the work of our association with his prayers, funds, and time. We thank those who have used the services of our association.

Loans made (as of August 31, 1971) for this year were \$57,255.47. Total loans since April 20, 1940, are \$828,818.13. However, the demands for loans still exceed our funds. Will you help us meet these needs?

Services offered by the association are as follows:

1. Loans for denominational needs.
2. Deposits for individual funds.
(5% interest paid on \$500 or more, 4% on lesser amounts)
3. Endowments can be set up for:
 - a. Children's Home
 - b. Missions
 - c. Mount Olive College
 - d. Board of Superannuation
 - e. Churches
4. Retirement fund. Example, each \$1,200 will provide \$5 per month income on present interest.
5. All profits remain in the association to better serve Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

Churches	Counties	Yearly Meetings	Regular Meetings	Missions	Children's Home	Education	Other Purposes	Paid Pastor	Total Amount Raised	No. of Members	No. Baptized	No. Died	No. Sunday School Members	No. Woman's Auxiliary Members	Cragmont	Value of Church Property	Members Received	Sent to Conference	Delegates
Elwood Lane	Cabarrus	August	Full Time	\$ 65	\$ 136	\$ 62	\$ 4,736	\$ 4,240	\$ 9,435	102	2	3	67	12	\$	\$100,000	2	\$10	Mrs. Maudie Rurr, P. J. Wagoner
Northern	Durham		Full Time	230	100		15,552		15,882	123	30	8	93	14		135,000	42	10	By Letter
Sherron Acres	Durham	January	Full Time	3,050	1,475	600		7,020	12,145	288	8	3	170	30		190,000	8	10	By Letter
Unity	Durham	July	Full Time					7,280		87			70	24		15,000	10	10	James McGhee
Branch Chapel	Johnston	August	Full Time	358	1,153	399	10,611	2,480	15,000	291	9	8	235			50,000	9	15	Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Phillips
Everett's Chapel	Johnston	January	Full Time	891	1,534	523	21,652	6,000	30,605	200	4		125	30		102,500	4	10	By Letter
Friendship	Johnston	June	2nd and 4th	85	897	205	6,719	2,400	10,306	166	11	2	85	30		56,000	11	10	By Letter
Holly Springs	Johnston	October	Full Time	138	369	224	272	4,100	6,737	210	7		110	25		75,000	7	13	By Letter
Kenly	Johnston	May	Full Time	488	671	344	14,451	6,440	22,084	194	6	3	174	28	400	105,000	6	20	By Letter
Micro	Johnston	May	Full Time	200	300	500	10,206	5,200	16,406	204	16	6	125	30		110,000	16	20	By Letter
Pine Level	Johnston	August	Full Time	404	1,279	423		4,650	7,345	327			5130	17		150,000		10	By Letter
Piney Grove	Johnston	October	Full Time	334	214	296	2,114	5,950	8,908	259	15		4214	20		50,000	15	10	By Letter
Pleasant Plain	Johnston	July	2nd and 4th	260	450	385	2,035	2,100	6,282	200	2	5	120	20		44,000	2	15	By Letter
Rains Cross Roads	Johnston	August	Full Time					4,560											
Selma	Johnston	July	Full Time	243	250	585	5,318	3,800	10,196	180	3	3	100	21		65,000	3	10	By Letter
Stancil's Chapel	Johnston	May	1st and 3rd	170	806	224	2,336	1,800	5,337	147	9	4	85	16		15,000	9	8	Mrs. J. B. Godwin
Barnes Hill	Nash	May	1st and 3rd	94	979	215	380	1,375	3,042	84	7	1	76	16		25,000	7	10	By Letter
Flood's Chapel	Nash	October	2nd and 4th	100	200	150	1,112	780	2,375	56			34	10	10	20,000		10	By Letter
Free Union	Nash	June	Full Time		200	453	5,639	1,500	7,792	83	11	2	64	12	32	50,000	12	10	By Letter
Memorial Chapel	Nash		Full Time																
Mt. Zion	Nash	March	Full Time	250	642	339	3,032	5,200	9,463	181			120	20	158	25,000		25	By Letter
Rock Springs	Nash	June	1st and 3rd	20	196	93	3,287	1,550	5,146	64		1	70	15		16,000		10	Oscar Whitley Jr.
Stony Hill	Nash	April	Full Time	30	200	300		1,950	2,480	144	3		90	10		20,000	3	10	By Letter
Union Chapel	Nash	May	2nd and 4th	10	137		232	1,550	1,929	43	11		50			3,000	12	5	By Letter
Black Jack Grove	Wayne	April	Full Time	160	295	20	103	2,500	5,725	56	1		84			14,000	1	5	By Letter
Fremont	Wayne	June	Full Time	525	117	70		5,200	7,058	206	14	1	110	35		25,000	18	10	Mrs. Windham, Mrs. George Thomas
Pleasant Grove	Wayne	July	Full Time	1,655	1,577	1,016	11,668	5,720	21,636	289	12	2	183	49	2,969	84,500	20	40	Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Hare
Pleasant Hill	Wayne	August	1st and 3rd	624	697	797	5,487	1,800	9,405	131	5	2	133	22	360	40,000	12	10	Mrs. Marvin Bunn, Mrs. Leslie Berry
Spring Hill	Wayne	July	Full Time	825	630	315	395	1,500	3,815	66	2		40	15	150	50,000	2	10	By Letter
Stoney Creek	Wayne	July	Full Time	800	800	605	17,776	7,280	27,261	310	10	2	190	58	600	174,000	19	10	Mrs. Foy Futrelle, Mrs. William Dale
Union Grove	Wayne	June	2nd and 4th					1,850		178	12	3	141	43		75,000	12	5	By Letter
Calvary	Wilson	June	Full Time	350	350	150	6,330	7,540	14,720	201	16		140	25	300	40,000	25	10	Mr. and Mrs. Dewey C. Boling
First, Wilson	Wilson	September	Full Time	1,800	1,745	400	55,416	8,350	67,711	708	30	5	298	69	500	300,000	44	20	Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hawley
Little Rock	Wilson	June	Full Time	318	962	1,244	13,442	6,180	22,146	317	21	11	160	49		82,250	21	15	Lula Beaman, Addie Lee Dail, Imettie Raper, Esther Pennington
Marsh Swamp	Wilson	July	Full Time	362	1,714	557	6,506	5,720	14,858	335	11	6	152	31		70,000	11	15	Mr. and Mrs. Hugh, Mrs. Stephen Coleman, Miss Frances Boyette
Milbourne	Wilson	May	Full Time	318	688	210	3,927	4,800	9,944	175	5	1	115	24		53,500	5	10	By Letter
Mt. Zion	Wilson	August	2nd and 4th	25	50		1,500	1,800	4,725	191	7	1	90	30		20,000	7	10	By Letter
New Sandy Hill	Wilson	April	1st and 3rd	105	762	366	9,230	1,872	10,328	127			80	14	37	55,000	1	10	By Letter
Oak Grove	Wilson	September	Full Time	320	100	120	300	6,050	6,890	215	30	2	95	22		60,000	30	15	Thomas Summerlin, James Dixon
People's Chapel	Wilson	September	Full Time	923	887	225	4,870	4,160	11,060	178		3	79	17		36,000		5	Mrs. Lena Lucas, Mrs. Virginia Crumpler
Rose Bud	Wilson	September	Full Time	92	143		57	3,175	5,160	143	6		59	12		20,000	6	10	By Letter
Saint Mary's	Wilson	June	Full Time	514	696	1,090	19,890	5,940	28,130	221	16	7	150	35	103	165,000	19	10	Floyd Edwards, Odell Howell
Watson's Grove	Wilson	November	1st and 3rd		50					12			25			10,000		5	By Letter
First Union Meeting																			
Second Union Meeting																			By Letter

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How can you help the Church Finance Association? *Pray* for the ministry of the Church Finance Association, Inc. *Deposit* your funds with the association and experience the joy of having your money working for our Lord. *Purchase* memberships in the association at \$25 each. *Use* the services of our association.

We are proud of the repayment record of our people. Many are paying off their accounts ahead of schedule, which helps to make more loans available. All accounts are in good standing.

For information write: Church Finance Association, Inc., Drawer 336, Pinetops, North Carolina 27864; or phone Hubert Burress, (919) 827-4139, residence; (919) 827-5402, office.

Respectfully submitted,
S. A. Smith, *President*
Hubert Burress, *Secretary-Treasurer*

On motion to receive report.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee had only two (2) meetings during the past year and attended to all business related to the duties of the committee.

The board met at Forest Barbecue near Smithfield on July 7, 1971. The minutes of the last year's session were approved. On motion that minutes of joint session (Executive Board, Ministerial Character Committee, and Ordination Board) at Pleasant Grove Church, be approved. The board planned program for this year's conference. On motion that clerk purchase book for copying permanent minutes. On motion that clerk have minutes brought up-to-date at three years per year, until caught up, at \$15 per year. Members present: Revs. Jackson, Joyner, Boling, and Brother Luther Bisette. Meeting adjourned.

The board met at Calvary Church, August 1, 1971. Members present: Revs. Jackson, Joyner, Boling, Bowen (proxy for Cox), and Brother Luther Bisette. Due to transfer of two ministers and the death of two others, it became necessary for the board to meet and appoint an officer and three board members, until the next setting of conference. Appointments: Assistant moderator, the Rev. De Wayne Eakes; Board of Ordination, the Rev. Harold Mac Wallace; Board of Ministerial Character, the Rev. Edgar Benton (to fill unexpired term of L. H. Boykin) and the Rev. Lester Duncan.

On motion to adjourn. The Rev. Dewey Boling gave the benediction.

Respectfully submitted,
R. H. Jackson, *Moderator*
James V. Joyner, *Secretary*
C. F. Bowen
Dewey Boling
Luther Bisette

On motion to accept this report.

The Rev. Johnny Bullman brought greetings from South Carolina and the Palmetto Conference. He also encouraged the Western Conference to assist the General Conference in establishing churches in North and South Carolina. All funds should be sent to: The Rev. Johnny Bullman, General Director of Home Missions, General Conference, P. O. Box 4203, Spartanburg, South Carolina 29303.

On motion for proposed revision of the bylaws. (Original reading and revised reading read.) (See second day's session for rereading and passage of the motion.) On motion that item presented lay on table until tomorrow's session.

On motion to leave question of marriage and divorce, on the part of ministers being licensed, ordained, and being received into this conference, at the discretion of the Ordaining Council.

On motion to adjourn.

Congregation sang, "The Old Rugged Cross."

Benediction by the Rev. J. C. Yates.

This eighty-fifth session could have been rather unusual in that we had an evening service on Wednesday. There was a very inspiring song service. Then the Rev. B. L. Shook preached a most inspiring and challenging message. This was spiritual food for all who attended. It has been voiced by many to have such a service at each coming conference.

THURSDAY MORNING

The morning session was opened with the congregation singing "This Is My Story." Devotions were conducted by the Rev. Raymond Jones, using Hebrews 2:3 as a basis for his remarks. Mr. Jones closed with prayer.

REPORT OF MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

(October 14, 1971)

Mount Olive College was founded twenty years ago (1951) by the Free Will Baptists of North Carolina for the purpose of providing a distinctive program of Christian higher education for our young people and our church. During these years more than 2,500 students have enrolled, including approximately 100 ministerial students; and in addition, the College is rendering a broad range of services to hundreds of others through night and extension courses, youth conferences, institutes for ministers, and other special programs.

Today Mount Olive College is fully accredited, has an enrollment of 327 students, total assets of nearly \$2.5 million, and is rapidly developing into one of the most respected church-related junior colleges in America. Among the distinctive features of the College are the following:

1. *Education for Ministers.* Under a "Supervised Work Experience" each ministerial student is afforded the opportunity to work under an experienced pastor or in a denominational enterprise as a part of his educational preparation.

2. *Church-College Scholarship.* This program is a creative approach toward encouraging more Free Will Baptist students to attend Mount Olive College. If a local church will provide its student a scholarship in the amount of \$250 annually, the College will give the student an equal amount for a total grant of \$500 per student annually under this program. Other financial aid is also available if needed.
3. *Educational Program.* Through individualized instruction students are enabled to proceed in a course at their own rate of learning without fear of failure. The College has a nonfailing grading system under which no "F's" are given; students are given assistance and more time to complete the course.

COLLEGE DINNERS

Wilson County, Tuesday, November 2, 7 p.m., American Legion Building in Wilson.

Johnston-Wake Counties, Monday, November 8, 7 p.m., Smithfield-Selma Senior High School.

Wayne County, Wednesday, November 10, 7 p.m., Mount Olive College Auditorium, Mount Olive.

Nash County, Wednesday, November 17, 7 p.m., Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex.

Report of gifts to Mount Olive College July 1, 1970—June 30, 1971:

<i>Churches</i>	<i>Member- ship</i>	<i>Gifts 1970-71</i>	<i>Per Capita</i>	<i>Challenge 1971-72</i>
Barnes Hill	77	\$ 223.35	\$2.90	\$ 225
Black Jack Grove	51	50.00	.98	25
Branch Chapel	294	322.10	1.10	350
Calvary	184	114.00	.62	200
Elwood Lane	113	25.00	.22	100
Everett's Chapel	198	515.50	2.60	600
Flood's Chapel	52	150.00	2.88	150
Fremont	195	32.08	.16	250
Free Union	73	453.00	6.21	450
Friendship	172	236.14	1.37	400
Holly Springs	206	168.00	.82	300
Kenly	194	344.10	1.94	450
Little Rock	310	1,245.19	4.02	1,250
Marsh Swamp	332	1,803.15	5.43	2,000
Memorial Chapel	103	88.90	.86	100
Micro	195	550.00	2.82	500
Milbournie	178	443.00	2.49	350
Mount Zion (Nash)	187	373.82	2.00	450
Mount Zion (Wilson)	184			100
New Hope	91			50
New Sandy Hill	142	365.70	2.58	350

Northern	94			150
People's Chapel	170	237.52	1.40	250
Pine Level	325	598.54	1.84	750
Piney Grove	252	464.96	1.85	500
Pleasant Grove	277	1,332.88	4.81	1,300
Pleasant Hill	127	769.84	6.06	750
Pleasant Plain	147	328.70	2.24	350
Rains Cross Roads	200	1,021.00	5.11	1,200
Rock Springs	64	76.72	1.20	100
Rose Bud	139	107.41	.77	150
Saint Mary's	206	1,147.34	5.57	1,100
Selma	187	223.50	1.20	300
Sherron Acres	238	675.00	2.84	650
Spring Hill	65	315.00	4.85	300
Stancil's Chapel	146	255.93	1.75	250
Stoney Creek	291	659.40	2.27	1,000
Stony Hill	144	159.76	1.73	250
Union Chapel	28	50.00	1.79	50
Union Grove	178	828.86	4.66	1,000
Unity	61			50
Watson's Grove	13			25
Wilson, First Church	708	410.00	.58	1,500
Subtotal	7,591	\$17,165.39		\$20,625
Other Gifts		525.11		
Total	7,591	\$17,690.50		\$20,625

Respectfully submitted,
W. Burkette Raper, *President*

On motion to receive report.

An offering was received for the college in the amount of \$27.28.

The minutes of the previous day's session were read and approved.

The roll call of ministers and of churches was made.

On motion the proposed revision of Article 2 of the bylaws be removed from the table for rereading and consideration.

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We recommend to the Western Conference that said conference go on record opposing the use and sale of alcoholic beverages in any form. We further recommend that the conference oppose all advertising of such on radio and TV.

We recommend that the conference go on record as opposing all establishments that permit topless dancing and performers in the nude.

We recommend the conference oppose the use and sale of illegal drugs.

Whereas, there are certain elements at work to do away with the punishment for illegal use of drugs;

We further recommend, that the clerk be instructed to advise each church of these recommendations and to request each church to get a petition signed by its members, and send same to our representatives in Raleigh and Washington.

Respectfully submitted,
Dewey Boling
Harry Grubbs
George Greene

On motion to accept report.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Whereas, the Elwood Lane Church has entertained this conference in such a gracious manner;

Therefore, be it resolved, that we give the church a rising vote of thanks for the fine hospitality shown us during this session, and to the Executive Committee for the outstanding program.

Respectfully submitted,
Harry Brown
John Swain
Frank R. Harrison

On motion to adopt report.

REPORT OF MINISTERIAL CHARACTER COMMITTEE

Whereas, Brother Wayne West has voluntarily relinquished his credentials as a Free Will Baptist minister; we, therefore, recommend that his name be dropped from the roll of ministers.

Whereas, it is public knowledge that Brother Aaron Bass continues in the use of drugs and alcohol; we, therefore, recommend that his probation period be ended and his credentials be revoked.

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. Cherry
J. B. Godwin
Raymond Jones

On motion to adopt report.

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

The Ordaining Council met for regular meetings January 5, June 4, and October 10, 1971. Special meetings were held November 8, 1970, June 13, and June 27, 1971, for ordination services.

The council makes the following recommendations:

1. That the following names be added to the roll of ordained ministers: Jack L. Burnett Sr., Robert L. Langely, Charles W. Sugg, Eunice

Spurgen Sasser, and Curtis Jones. All these having been ordained since the last conference.

Also Robert Rollins, transfer from the Central Conference; Ray Wells, transfer from the Central Conference; Fred A. Rivenbark, transfer from the Albemarle Conference; and George L. Greene, transfer from the Piedmont Conference (pending letter).

2. That the following names be added to the roll of licensed ministers: Keith Holland, Henry Herndon III, Noble Crumpler, Frank Flowers, Walter Turnmire, and Luther E. Bisette.

3. That the following names be dropped from the roll of licensed ministers: Thom Duncan, Burt Trunmire, Gerald Rose, J. Douglas Skinner, Benny Hampton, and Raeford Johnson.

4. That the following name be dropped from the roll of ordained ministers by reason of surrendered credentials: Wayne W. West.

5. The following were cleared by the council to pastor in the Western Conference: The Rev. C. M. Coats of the Cape Fear Conference and the Rev. Davie Brinson of the Eastern Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Boyd Shook, *Chairman*
William L. Dale, *Secretary*
Joseph H. Ingram
Royster Martin
Harold Mac Wallace

(The Rev. Harold Mac Wallace was chosen by the Executive Committee to fill the vacancy left by the death of Brother Willie Renfrow.)

On motion to adopt report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Balance Brought Forward	\$208.25
Received from Churches at Conference	473.00
Received from Saint Mary's Church, Kenly (Bible)	25.00
Offering for Children's Home	52.75
Offering for Mount Olive College	74.60
Received for Scholarship Fund	60.00
Total to Account For	\$893.60

Paid Out

Secretary's Expenses	\$ 89.94
Treasurer's Expenses	15.00
Mount Olive College	74.60
Children's Home	52.75
Phone Calls Made by Rev. James Joyner (notifying ministers of Rev. Willie Renfrow's death)	12.21

Bibles
Board Meetings
Record Book for Secretary

143.70
219.27
16.17

Total Paid Out

623.74

Balance in Treasury

\$269.86

Respectfully submitted,
Luther Bissette, *Treasurer*

On motion to adopt report.

PROPOSED REVISIONS OF BYLAWS

The original reading: 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.

The revised reading: Each minister and delegate, in good standing, shall duly attend each day or represent by letter, card, or phone call; and have a reasonable excuse or be subject to censure by the conference and reported to his local church.

On motion this change be adopted.

On motion to leave getting the delegation to State Convention and General Conference to the Executive Board.

On motion that moderator appoint liaison to work with the director of missions of the General Conference.

On motion that conference recommend that individual churches purchase Bibles for ministers being ordained. .

FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, the Credentials Committee, wish to make this our final report to the 1971 session of the Western Conference:

Delegates Registered	27
Ordained Ministers Registered	27
Licentiates Registered	1
Ministers Transferring Out of Conference	1
Ministers Transferring Into Conference	4
Visiting Ministers	8
Churches Received	1
Money Sent to Conference	\$480.50
Paid Ministers	\$156,952.00
Missions	\$17,069.00
Cragmont	\$5,179.85
Children's Home	\$24,236.00
Mount Olive College	\$13,460.00
Scholarship Fund	\$30.00
Other Expenses	\$255,360.00

Total Raised	\$477,874.00
Membership of Churches	7,690
Churches Reporting	41
Union Meetings Reporting	1
Baptized	337
Average Sunday School Attendance	4,731
Died	96
Woman's Auxiliary Membership	950
Total Value of Church Property	\$3,213,500.00
Offering for Mount Olive College	\$27.28
Offering for the Children's Home	\$50.36

Respectfully submitted,
 Credentials Committee

On motion to adopt report.

On motion to hold \$30 allotted for Scholarship Fund of this conference, and pay \$70 in addition to \$100 next year.

On motion that conference instruct the secretary to send a letter of greeting to the General Association of General Baptists, expressing our Christian love and prayers for God's blessings upon their work.

On motion that the question of increasing church donations to the Western Conference be left in the hands of the Executive Committee for study and bring a recommendation to the conference next year.

REPORT OF MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Reading of Psalm 23.

When we think of death, our first thoughts are of sadness, heartaches, and tears. We fail to look through our tears and see the goodness of God. He never makes a mistake for He does everything good, and we can only imagine what He has prepared for those who love Him. Why, death is just God's way of calling His children home to heaven to be with Him forever! We might say that for a Christian, death is just a transfer from our earthly home to our heavenly home.

As we remember those of our friends and loved ones who have been called from our churches during this past year, let's think of them with gladness in our hearts, because they have already stepped inside that eastern gate to start the first million years with our Lord.

God called during this past year two of His chosen ones. The Rev. L. H. Boykin served for over 50 years in the ministry, but in his later years had retired from pastoring. I had the privilege of hearing him speak at our Western District Auxiliary Convention last October. The words that he spoke that day still live in my heart. He spoke that day of how the older ministers were building bridges for the younger ones who are being called today.

The Rev. Willie Renfrow was still pastoring when the Lord called him. He was pastor of Fremont Chapel Church, Fremont, North Carolina. He

was also a member of the Board of Ordination of the Western Conference. No doubt, there are ministers here today who remember the part that he had in their ordination service.

These two men had a place to fill and they filled it well. We feel that they could have said, along with the Apostle Paul, "I have finished my course, and I have kept the faith"; and now they have gone on to claim their crown of righteousness.

We'd like to compare the life of the Rev. Boykin and the Rev. Renfrow to that of a rose—

Near shady wall a rose once grew,
Budded and blossomed in God's free light,
Watered and fed by morning dew,
Shedding its sweetness day and night.
As it grew and blossomed fair and tall,
Slowly rising to loftier height,
It came to a crevice in the wall,
Through which there shone a beam of light.
Onward it crept with added strength,
With never a thought of fear or pride;
It followed the light through the crevice-length
And unfolded itself on the other side.
The light, the dew, the broadening view,
Were found the same as they were before;
And it lost itself in beauties new,
Breathing its fragrance more and more.
Shall claim of death cause us to grieve
And make our courage faint or fall?
Nay, let us faith and hope receive;
The rose still grows beyond the wall.
Scattering fragrance far and wide,
Just as it did in days of yore,
Just as it did on the other side,
Just as it will forevermore.

—A. L. Frink.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. R. H. Jackson, and Mrs. William Dale sang, "Sunrise Tomorrow."

On motion to receive report.

On motion that the revision of individual church letter be left in the hands of the Executive Committee.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

(Officers for 1971-72)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dewey Boling, Chairman
Fred A. Rivenbark, Vice-Chairman
James V. Joyner, Secretary
Luther Bissette, Treasurer
Rufus Hare, Member at Large

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

F. A. Morris, 1972
L. S. Joyner, 1973
C. F. Bowen, 1974
Jimmie Barfield, 1975
Billy Yawn, 1976

BOARD OF ORDINATION

Joe Ingram, 1972
Royster Martin, 1973
Boyd Shook, 1974
William L. Dale, 1975
Raymond Jones, 1976

BOARD OF MINISTERIAL CHARACTER

Edgar Benton, 1972
R. C. Cherry, 1973
Harold Mac Wallace, 1974
J. B. Godwin, 1975
Foy C. Futrelle, 1976

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Jimmy Hodges, 1972
Paul Jenkins, 1973
Harry Grubbs, 1974
De Wayne Eakes, 1975
Ray Wells, 1976

Respectfully submitted,
Nominating Committee

On motion to adopt report.

The conference stood to express its appreciation to the moderator and all out-going officers.

On motion that any unfinished business be left in the hands of the Executive Committee.

The Ordination Board was in charge of the morning worship. The congregation sang, "I Am Resolved." The sermon was delivered by the Rev.

William L. Dale, entitled, "The Message of the Early Church." His Scripture text was Acts 5:29-32. Closed by prayer.

The clerk read a telegram from the Rev. Billy Yawn.

CRAGMONT REPORT

(Present and Future)

As a representative of the Cragmont Board of Directors I submit to you this information as to the present and future of Cragmont Assembly, Inc.

CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY PRESENT

Presently there are on campus the following buildings: (1) The old or "Main Building"; (2) the "Massey House," building No. 2; (3) the "Floyd House," building No. 4; (4) the "Tabernacle-Gym," building No. 5; (5) the Motel (nine units), building No. 3; (6) new dormitory, building No. 6; (7) new dormitory, building No. 7.

These are the buildings presently located on our campus. There is also at present an outstanding indebtedness of \$20,000 to be repaid.

CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY FUTURE

The proposed construction program for Cragmont Assembly which has been adopted calls for six separated phases as follows:

Phase I consists of four parts: (1) Repair the roof of building No. 4, (2) repair the main building as needed to maintain operation of the first floor, (3) build building Nos. 6 and 7, (4) install six night lights. The roads were also rebuilt as a part of this program. This has already been completed.

Phase II originally called for the construction of two more cottages as/if they are needed.

Phase III calls for the construction of kitchen and dining facilities. This will take precedence over all future plans due to the dictates of present need.

Phase IV is the construction of a much needed chapel for a better means of worship. This improvement needs to be made in terms of both comfort and seating capacity!

Phase V calls for the renovation or removal of the "Main Building." This will have to follow the construction of dining facilities. I must add that no official decision or unofficial has been made!

Phase VI calls for the construction of a swimming pool and a general upgrading of our recreational facilities and equipment.

These are our assets and our needs both present and future. This year we have had seven conferences (six youth and one woman's auxiliary), averaging 120 participants each, as well as our ministers' week with 50 attending. There has been several weekend retreats by various church groups. Also some families and individuals have visited our encampment. Crag-

mont has for the second consecutive year served more than 950 Free Will Baptists in our Saviour's name.

In summary, the future of Cragmont is not really dependent upon a plan of construction. It lies rather within the hearts of the people and churches of our denomination. The future of Cragmont will be as bright and glorious for the Lord as we allow it to be. I believe Cragmont's future is secure; I believe that you, the Free Will Baptist people, will rally to this arm of our church in strengthening this part of our church's ministry!

Respectfully submitted,

De Wayne Eakes, *Publicity Director*

On motion to adopt this report.

On motion to adjourn.

Benediction by the Rev. Robert Burke, pastor of the Mount Olive Church (National), Kannapolis, North Carolina.

R. H. Jackson, *Moderator*

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. However, all transactions of the Executive Committee shall be subject to the approval, revision, or rejection of the conference.

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 recom-

mendations 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 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 or represent by letter, card, or phone call; and have a reasonable excuse 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.

