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L. S. Joyner	1973
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Royster Martin	1973
Boyd Shook	1974
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Raymond Jones	1976
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R. C. Cherry	1973
Harold Mac Wallace	1974
J. B. Godwin	1975
Foy C. Futrelle	1976
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CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Paul Jenkins	1973
Harry Grubbs	1974
De Wayne Eakes	1975
Ray Wells	1976
Walton E. Parrish	1977

Ordained Ministers and Their Addresses

- Aycock, Ralph, Route 1, Kenly, N. C. 27542
Bass, Walter V., Route 2, Box 113, Pikeville, N. C. 27863
Barfield, Jimmie L., Route 3, Kenly, N. C. 27542
Benton, Edgar, Route 3, Elm City, N. C. 27822
Bissette, Luther, Route 1, Sims, N. C. 27880
Boling, Dewey C., 712 E. Home Street, Clayton, N. C. 27520
Bowen, C. F., 1731 Hillcrest Drive, Wilson, N. C. 27893
Boykin, W. G., Dorothea Dix Hospital, Raleigh, N. C. 27602
Brown, Harry, Route 1, Box 103, Bahama, N. C. 27503
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
Duncan, Lester, 213 Dewey Street, Wilson, N. C. 27893
Eakes, De Wayne, Box 275, Lucama, N. C. 27851
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
Flowers, Frankie, P. O. Box 1774, Goldsboro, N. C. 27530
Futrelle, Foy C., Route 7, Box 100, Goldsboro, N. C. 27530
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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
Hoke, David, (no address given).
Ingram, Joseph H., Route 2, Box 56, Goldsboro, N. C. 27530
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, Philippines
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., Box 337, Pine Level, N. C. 27568
Martin, Royster, Box 37, Micro, N. C. 27555
Minchew, Earl, Route 1, Kenly, N. C. 27542
Minchew, H. M., Route 1, Kenly, N. C. 27542

Moore, R. L., (no address given).
 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. 28530
 Sasser, Eunice "Buddy," Box 72, Jordan Hall, Oakland City College, Oakland City, Indiana 47560
 Shook, Boyd L., 508 N. Pollock Street, Selma, N. C. 27576
 Skinner, J. Douglas, Oakland City College, Oakland City, Indiana 27560
 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
 Turnmire, Walter, 2108 Brantley Road, Kannapolis, N. C. 28081
 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 E., 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

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Crumpler, Noble, Box 151, Kenly, N. C. 27542
 Faucette, Graham, Route 1, Kenly, N. C. 27542
 Gray, Raymond C. Jr., Route 2, Goldsboro, N. C. 27530
 Hawley, Dwight D., 204 Emory Street, Wilson, N. C. 27893
 Herndon, Henry III, (no address given).
 Markuson, Alfred J., (no address given).
 Melancon, John Jr., (no address given).
 Slaughter, Stanley W., (no address given).

VISITING MINISTERS

Albemarle Conference—Robert Rollins.
Cape Fear Conference—W. O. Lassiter, Ray Allman, and C. M. Coats.
Central Conference—James Pittman, E. C. Morris, Hubert Burress, Adrian Grubbs, and Raymond Sasser.
Eastern Conference—Clyde Cox, Graham Lane, and Delmas Brown.
Piedmont Conference—O. B. Jones.
National—Evangelist Bobby Jackson.

Churches, Counties, and Pastors for 1972-73

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 L. Langley

Piney Grove—James W. Pittman

Pleasant Plain—Walter Bass

Rains Cross Roads—Preston Smith

Selma—Ray Wells

Stancil's Chapel—J. B. Godwin

NASH COUNTY

Barnes Hill—Charles Morgan

Flood's Chapel—R. P. Harris

Free Union—Lester Duncan

Memorial Chapel—Terry Woodard

Mount Zion—John Swain

Rock Springs—Luther Bissette

Stony Hill—Raymond Sasser

Union Chapel—Walton E. Parrish

WAYNE COUNTY

Black Jack Grove—W. J. Tyner

Fremont—Boyd Shook

Pleasant Grove—Joe Gerald

Pleasant Hill—C. M. Coats

Spring Hill—William L. Dale

Stoney Creek—Fred A. Rivenbark

Union Grove—Bruce Jones

WILSON COUNTY

Calvary—Dewey C. Boling

First, Wilson—C. F. Bowen

Little Rock—De Wayne Eakes

Marsh Swamp—Adrian Grubbs

Milbournie—Harry Grubbs
Mount Zion—J. B. Godwin
New Sandy Hill—Billy Ray Jordan
People's Chapel—Delmas J. Brown
Rose Bud—Floyd Smith
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 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—Richard McKeel, Box 473, Selma, N. C. 27576

Everett's Chapel—Hardin G. Blackman, 502 E. Andrews Street, Clayton, N. C. 27520

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

Holly Springs—H. T. Pope Jr., Route 2, Kenly, N. C. 27542

Kenly—Keenan Hinnant, Box 24, Kenly, N. C. 27542

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

Pine Level—Rupert E. Peedin, Route 2, Box 305, Princeton, N. C. 27569

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 583, W. Tarboro Road, 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—Dorothy Elks, Route 2, Box 13, Middlesex, N. C. 27557

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

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

Stony Hill—Mrs. Joyce Matthews, Route 2, Box 369-A, Middlesex, N. C. 27557

Union Chapel—Mrs. Rosa Boykin, Route 1, Box 386, Middlesex, N. C. 27557

WAYNE COUNTY

Black Jack Grove—Mrs. T. C. Hines, 1607 S. Murphy Street, Goldsboro, N. C. 27530

Fremont—Mrs. Robert Proctor, 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

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

Stoney Creek—Mrs. Mary Kennedy, Route 7, Box 201, Goldsboro, N. C. 27530

Union Grove—Cecil W. Holland, Route 2, Box 142, Pikeville, N. C. 27863

WILSON COUNTY

Calvary—Miss Judy Jones, Route 1, Box 80-A, Lucama, N. C. 27851

First, 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

Rosebud—Mrs. Dale Crabtree, Box 6, Elm City, N. C. 27822

Saint Mary's—Mrs. Edith Kirby, Route 1, Lucama, N. C. 27851

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 3, Elm City, N. C. 27822

PROCEEDINGS

The eighty-sixth annual session of the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with the Selma church, Selma, North Carolina, October 11, 12, 1972.

The conference was called to order by the moderator. The moderator introduced the Rev. John Swain to lead the devotions. Mr. Swain used Luke 23:23-37 as the basis for his remarks. He closed his devotions with prayer. The congregation sang, "Deeper, Deeper." The Rev. Clyde Cox sang, "How Great Thou Art."

The Rev. Wiley Ferrell extended a most hearty welcome. The Rev. Paul Jenkins gave the response to the welcome.

ROLL CALL OF MINISTERS

Ministers present the first day were as follows: Ralph Aycok, Jimmie Barfield, Edgar Benton, Dewey Boling, C. F. Bowen, Harry Brown, Roland Cherry, William Dale, Milton Davis, Lester Duncan, Jasper Edwards, C. R. Etheridge, Wiley Ferrell, Foy Futrelle, Joe Gerald, J. B. Godwin, George Greene, Harry Grubbs, Frank Harrison, Jimmy Hodges, Joseph Ingram, Paul Jenkins, Billy Ray Jordan, James Joyner, L. S. Joyner, Earl Minchew, H. M. Minchew, R. L. Moore, Walton Parrish, W. L. Poythress, Fred Rivenbark, Boyd Shook, John Swain, Ray Wells, Billy Yawn, Luther Bissette, Frank Flowers, and Walter Turnmire.

Ministers present the second day were as follows: Jimmie Barfield, Edgar Benton, C. F. Bowen, Harry Brown, Roland Cherry, William Dale, De Wayne Eakes, Wiley Ferrell, Foy Futrelle, R. N. Hinnant, Joseph Ingram, R. H. Jackson, Paul Jenkins, Billy Ray Jordan, James Joyner, L. S. Joyner, Earl Minchew, H. M. Minchew, Walton Parrish, W. L. Poythress, Fred Rivenbark, Ray Wells, and Alfred Markuson.

At the roll call of churches, 40 of the 43 churches reported and were represented either by delegation or letter. This compares with 41 of 42 reporting last year. Neither of the union meetings reported this session, but both moderators and clerks were present.

Recognition of visitors (see list of visiting ministers).

The moderator gave his remarks, based on the subject, "Presence of the Holy Spirit in our Church or Absence of It."

The following report on Mount Olive College was made by the Rev. Frank Harrison.

REPORT OF MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

(October 11, 1972)

The Board of Trustees, personnel, and students of Mount Olive College are grateful to the people of the Western Conference for your interest, support, and prayers in helping us to provide opportunities in Christian education for our Church and our youth.

OUR MISSION

We believe that God has called our College into being in order that, among other things, we may help Free Will Baptists fulfill our mission as a part of the body of Christ. That mission, we believe, is to share the good news of Jesus Christ and to witness and serve in His name throughout the world. At Mount Olive College we are assisting students to "study to show themselves approved unto God" for Christian service in a wide range of vocations including the Christian ministry, missions, teaching, business, music, engineering, journalism and communications, medicine, nursing, social services, law, and other areas.

ENROLLMENT

A total of 307 students enrolled for on-campus courses for the fall semester, including 25 who are preparing for the Christian ministry, missions, and church-related vocations. We would like to serve more Free Will Baptist students and our churches can help by participating in the "Church-College Scholarship Program" and by otherwise encouraging your high school graduates to attend our own church college. We believe that there is no other college that can better serve Free Will Baptist students than can Mount Olive. Moreover, we have a comprehensive financial aid program consisting of scholarships, loans, and work under which we can guarantee an opportunity to every qualified Free Will Baptist student based upon merit and need.

SPECIAL DENOMINATIONAL SERVICES

1. Pulpit supply services and speakers for special occasions can be provided by members of the faculty and students.
2. A team of students can be secured for youth services including special music, Christian testimonies, and gospel messages.
3. Extension courses for laymen and ministers can be provided including studies in selected books of the Bible (for example, Acts, John or Epistles of Paul), Improved Methods of Sunday School Teaching, the Free Will Baptist Church, Pastoral Care, Preaching and other subjects of interest.
4. Night courses at the College in Bible, English, and other areas are open to any interested persons. President W. Burkette Raper will teach "The Free Will Baptist Church: Its History, Doctrine and Government" during the spring semester. Tentative plans are for the course to meet each Monday, 7-9:50 p. m. beginning January 15. It will be open to the public and students may enroll for or without college credit.

Requests for the above services or inquiries for additional information should be directed to the Rev. Frank R. Harrison, director of denominational services, (telephone: 658-2502).

CHAPEL

Final architectural drawings are now being prepared for the construction

of a distinctive chapel on the new campus during 1973. A special gift of \$60,000 has been made but an additional \$100,000 is needed. The College is seeking 100 churches, families, individuals or other donors who will contribute \$1,000 to the chapel fund over a period of one to five years. Gifts in other amounts, larger or smaller, are also encouraged. It is important, however, that chapel gifts be over and above regular support to the College. We deserve this chapel only if we are willing to sacrifice to help make it possible.

FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE STUDY

The Board of Trustees has authorized a study to be made to determine the feasibility of Mount Olive College becoming a four-year college. This study will be made during 1972-73 and the prayers of all friends of the College are sought that the right decision will be made.

CONCLUSION

Mount Olive College stands today on the threshold of major breakthroughs in educational development, spiritual life, campus building programs and financial support. We believe that the future will be limited only by the faith and dedication that we bring to it.

This is the hour not for us to look at things as they are and be critical, but to look at things as they might be and to help make them so.

W. Burkette Raper, President

COLLEGE DINNERS

WAYNE COUNTY, Tuesday, October 10, 7 p. m., Mount Olive College Auditorium (downtown campus), Ben Rollins, chairman.

NASH COUNTY, Wednesday, October 25, 7 p. m., Free Will Baptist Children's Home, the Rev. Lester Duncan, chairman.

JOHNSTON-WAKE COUNTIES, Monday, November 6, 7 p. m., Smithfield-Selma High School Cafeteria, the Rev. Edmond Gonzalez, chairman.

WILSON COUNTY, Thursday, November 9, 7 p. m., American Legion Building, Wilson, James B. Hunt Sr., chairman.

Report of gifts to Mount Olive College July 1, 1971—June 30, 1972:

Churches	Membership	Gifts 1971-72	Per Capita	Challenge 1972-73
Barnes Hill	77	\$ 451.48	\$5.86	\$ 450
Black Jack Grove	56			50
Branch Chapel	291	602.34	2.07	600
Calvary	201	235.00	1.17	250
Elwood Lane	100	27.00	.27	100
Everett's Chapel	199	626.50	3.15	625
Flood's Chapel	52	157.00	3.02	150
Fremont	195	253.82	1.30	275
Free Union	73	479.61	6.57	475

Friendship	166	382.29	2.30	400
Holly Springs	217	117.28	.54	300
Kenly	194	332.73	1.72	450
Little Rock	317	1,122.35	3.54	1,200
Marsh Swamp	336	2,000.00	5.95	2,000
Memorial Chapel	103	27.33	.27	100
Micro	204	515.00	2.52	550
Milbournie	175	464.00	2.65	500
Mount Zion (Nash)	181	264.61	1.46	400
Mount Zion (Wilson)	190			100
New Hope	91			50
New Sandy Hill	141	243.81	1.73	300
Northern	120			150
People's Chapel	174	80.00	.46	250
Pine Level	327	652.05	1.99	750
Piney Grove	259	616.11	2.38	600
Pleasant Grove	289	2,635.60	9.12	1,600
Pleasant Hill	131	752.33	5.74	750
Pleasant Plain	200	420.14	2.10	425
Rains Cross Roads	200	841.92	4.21	1,000
Rock Springs	64	179.22	2.80	175
Rose Bud	143	205.00	1.43	200
Saint Mary's	208	1,052.00	5.06	1,100
Selma	180	200.00	1.11	300
Sherron Acres	288	776.00	2.69	750
Spring Hill	66	210.25	3.19	300
Stancil's Chapel	147	230.84	1.57	250
Stoney Creek	308	365.00	1.19	1,000
Union Chapel	43	50.00	1.16	50
Stony Hill	144	373.31	2.59	375
Union Grove	169	538.63	3.19	1,000
Unity	87			50
Watson's Grove	13			25
Wilson, First	720	250.00	.35	2,000

Sub Total	7,839	\$18,730.55	\$22,452
Other Gifts		1,621.82	
Total	7,839	\$20,352.37	\$22,425

On motion to receive report.

An offering was received for the College in the amount of \$44.31.

The following report on the Superannuation Board was made by the Rev. Clyde Cox.

REPORT OF SUPERANNUATION BOARD

(July 1, 1971 — June 30, 1972)

This has been another good year in our work, and for this we are very grateful. We thank you for your prayers and support.

There are two primary needs this year in our work. First, more funds are needed to increase every phase of our Superannuation program. We need over twenty-five hundred dollars in gifts (not premium payments) each month from our churches to reach the budget of thirty 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 Superannuation Program. There are almost two hundred ministers associated with the State Convention, but only ninety-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 can assist your pastor in preparing for retirement by honoring the request of the State Convention that our churches assist their pastor in preparing for retirement through the Superannuation program as follows:

MINIMUM ASSISTANCE

(1) A full-time church pay \$150 per year on pastor's retirement.

(2) A part-time church pay \$75 per year on pastor's retirement.

Note: This minimum assistance should either be increased by the church or matched by the ministers.

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 the State Convention designated October as "Superannuation Month" and the third Sunday in June, Father's Day, as "Superannuation Day." Send your contributions to: North Carolina Board of Superannuation, P. O. Box 474, Ayden, North Carolina 28513.

Report of contributions from Western Conference (July 1, 1971—June 30, 1972):

Churches	Contributions	Challenges
Barnes Hill	\$ 39.00	\$ 75.00
Black Jack Grove	93.00	100.00
Branch Chapel	25.00	200.00
Calvary	60.00	150.00
Elwood Lane		100.00
Everett's Chapel	158.62	175.00

Floods Chapel	25.00	50.00
Free Union	60.00	75.00
Fremont		175.00
Friendship	97.93	150.00
Holly Springs	30.00	175.00
Kenly	100.00	175.00
Little Rock	100.00	200.00
Marsh Swamp	50.00	200.00
Memorial Chapel		75.00
Micro, First	100.00	175.00
Milbournie	300.00	300.00
Mt. Zion (Nash)	52.00	175.00
Mt. Zion (Wilson)	52.00	175.00
New Hope		50.00
New Sandy Hill	17.66	125.00
Northern		75.00
People's Chapel	20.00	150.00
Pine Level	20.00	250.00
Piney Grove	42.69	200.00
Pleasant Grove	100.00	200.00
Pleasant Hill	150.00	150.00
Pleasant Plain	75.00	125.00
Rains Cross Roads	125.00	175.00
Rock Spring	10.00	50.00
Rose Bud	100.00	100.00
Saint Mary's	120.00	200.00
Selma		175.00
Sherron Acres		200.00
Spring Hill	200.00	200.00
Stancil Chapel	15.00	100.00
Stoney Creek		250.00
Stoney Hill	20.00	100.00
Union Chapel	18.93	25.00
Union Grove	75.00	150.00
Unity		50.00
Watson Grove	37.26	25.00
Wilson, First	300.00	500.00
First Western Sunday School Convention	50.00	50.00
Second Western Sunday School Convention		50.00
	<u>\$2,839.09</u>	<u>\$6,625.00</u>

On motion to receive report as information.

The Rev. Bobby Jackson sang for us, accompanied at the piano by the Rev. Clyde Cox.

The Rev. Billy Yawn delivered the conference message, using Psalm 24:1-5. His message was entitled, "Surprised, Paralyzed, and Spiritualized."

LUNCH

The afternoon session was opened with the congregation singing "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go." Special prayer was offered for ministers reported to be sick. These were as follows: Revs. Reynolds, Carter, Armstrong, Wells, and Bisette. The Rev. Luther Bisette brought the afternoon devotions, followed by prayer.

PARTIAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Credentials Committee wishes to report that there are 48 delegates and 31 ministers present today who are members of this conference. There are also eleven visiting ministers with us today. 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:

Nominating: Harry Brown, John Swain, L. S. Joyner, William Dale, and De Wayne Eakes.

Resolutions: Roland Cherry, Edgar Benton, and Harry Grubbs

Memorial: Mrs. Roland Fleming, Mrs. Joyce Tant, and Mrs. Sylvia Gerald.

Temperance: Billy Ray Jordan, Joe Gerald, and Paul Jenkins.

REPORT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS FOUNDATION, INC.

We are very grateful to the Lord for another good year in our work. A special thanks to you for remembering us in your prayers and for supporting this institution! If we did not have the support of our Free Will Baptist people, we could not continue rendering service as we do to our denomination.

The Free Will Baptist Press Foundation is the oldest Free Will Baptist institution in North Carolina, having been in existence for almost one hundred years. This institution belongs to Free Will Baptist people, and it is one of which we can be proud. Through the years the Lord has blessed and helped us to make progress. He has been our refuge in every difficult time. In this day of unrest, rising prices, and ever-increasing inflation, we continue to seek the Lord's help and guidance.

All the other Free Will Baptist institutions of our state call for contributions from you to support their programs. The Free Will Baptist Press Foundation does not do this; however, we depend on you even more for support. We have to compete in the business world for your patronage in order to maintain our existence. The Press Foundation is more than a business bidding for your support in the business world. It is a service

agency to our denomination. This institution is ours—yours and mine—and as such, we should seek to make it the very best institution possible.

You may live near one of the three branch bookstores. If you do, we invite you to visit the one nearest you: New Bern Bible & Bookstore, 213 Middle Street, New Bern, North Carolina 28560, telephone 638-6193; Smithfield Bible & Bookstore, 122 South Third Street, Smithfield, North Carolina 27577, telephone 934-7149; and Wilson Bible & Bookstore, 1101 Downing Street (Five Points), Wilson, North Carolina 27893, telephone 243-4982. We are thankful that we have been able to branch out with our bookstores. They have been a real asset to our work.

Every Free Will Baptist should be receiving *The Free Will Baptist*, our weekly paper. If you are not receiving it, you should subscribe to it now.

We urge you to visit the Press Foundation individually or in groups. Auxiliaries, youth groups, men's groups, Sunday school classes, etc., are invited to hold their meetings in the chapel at anytime. Arrangements can be made by contacting the Press Foundation, P. O. Box 158, Ayden, North Carolina 28513, telephone 746-6128.

The Press Foundation will be glad to help you with any of your Sunday school or church needs. We can supply you with classroom equipment, visual aid materials, lesson commentaries, as well as church furniture, art stained and decorative glass work, fiber glass church steeples and baptismal pools, pianos, organs, choir robes, and other religious merchandise. We urge you to use the Press Foundation for your church needs so that we can better serve our Lord and our denomination.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter Reynolds, Manager

REPORT OF THE CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

(August 31, 1972)

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, 1972) for this year were \$74,000. Total loans since April 20, 1940, are \$926,218.13. However, the demands for loans still exceed our funds. Will you help us meet these needs by purchasing one or more memberships this year?

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.

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 Burriss, (919) 827-4139, residence; (919) 827-5402, office.

S. A. Smith, *President*

Hubert Burriss, *Secretary-Treasurer*

On motion to receive both reports as information.

REPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION MISSION BOARD

We express our appreciation to you for your help during the past year in this phase of our Lord's work. Through your help, we are able to make a report of progress to you from the field.

The Rev. and Mrs. Harold Jones have experienced a real outpouring of God's Spirit during the past two months. It is during this time they have seen over 150 professions of faith in Jesus Christ. Among these included one service made up of prisoners in which 56 responded to the gospel of our Lord. Pray for them in their witness and follow-up in making disciples of these that have come to Christ.

The field in Mexico is continually seeing souls born into the kingdom of God. During this past year, we have made available over 5,000 Bibles and New Testaments for the people who do not have the Word of God. Brother Timmons and family stand in continuous need of your prayers. Such a tremendous task to be done for God requires our prayers.

The Rev. and Mrs. Joe Barrow and family are now back in the States with us. Plan to have them visit your church and relate those things God has done through them during the past years.

We now have two other fields that will have a witness shortly. Miss Diane Baines is now doing deputation work. She plans to go to the country of Zambia during the spring of 1973. Also, the Rev. and Mrs. Vance Link of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, began deputation the first of October. Why not invite these to your church for a mission service? This can be arranged by writing to NCFWB Missions, P. O. Box 979, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530 and giving the date you would like a visit from them.

Your mission board has purchased a trailer for use in evangelism efforts. Two counties have used this at their county fair this fall. There was great success at each of the fairs. There were three professions of faith in Christ and many leads for which follow-up work will be done. Pray for these efforts. If your church would like to plan some evangelism effort and use the trailer, please let us know.

Please pray that we will be able to fulfill the work of our Lord during 1972-1973 even more effectively than in 1971-1972.

Record of giving in the Western Conference and suggested quotas for 1972-73:

<i>Churches</i>	<i>Requested Amount 1971-72</i>	<i>Given Amount 1971-72</i>	<i>Quotas Suggested 1972-73</i>
Barnes Hill	\$ 200.00	\$ 273.40	\$ 300.00
Black Jack	200.00	153.25	200.00
Branch Chapel	350.00	421.71	475.00
Calvary	300.00	268.00	325.00
Elwood Lane	150.00	19.48	150.00
Everett's Chapel	1,200.00	1,602.68	1,650.00
First FWB Wilson	2,000.00	920.00	2,500.00
Flood's Chapel	175.00	80.00	175.00
Free Union	200.00	103.60	200.00
Fremont	750.00	950.00	1,000.00
Friendship	150.00	125.34	175.00
Holly Springs	250.00	159.61	250.00
Kenly	555.00	539.87	600.00
Little Rock	375.00	427.40	475.00
Marsh Swamp	450.00	305.74	450.00
Micro	150.00	215.12	275.00
Milbournie	450.00	411.80	475.00
Mt. Zion Nashville	350.00	196.00	350.00
Mt. Zion Kenly	100.00	10.00	100.00
New Sandy Hill	150.00	19.95	150.00
Northern	200.00	135.00	200.00
Oak Grove		45.00	100.00
People's Chapel	1,350.00	659.03	1,000.00
Pine Level	425.00	455.00	500.00
Piney Grove	725.00	482.62	725.00

The following table shows the financial statement of the churches of the Synod for the year 1937. The figures are in dollars and cents. The churches are listed in alphabetical order. The columns show the name of the church, the county, the date of the meeting, the type of meeting, the amount received, the amount paid, the amount in arrears, the amount of the fund, and the amount of the scholarship fund.

Churches	Counties	Yearly Meetings	Regular Meetings	Missions	Children's Home	Education	Other Purposes	Paid Pastor	Cragmont	Superannuation	Church Finance	Total Amount Raised	Value of Church Property	Church Enrollment	Sunday School Enrollment	League Enrollment	Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment	Youth Organization Enrollment	Men's Organization Enrollment	No. Baptized	Total New Members	Total Received by Letter	Total Members Lost	No. Lost by Letter	Members Deceased	Annual Fee	Scholarship Fund
Elwood Lane	Cabarrus	August	Full Time	5	142	27	4,842	4,320				10,173	100,000	109	56	9										10	
Northern	Durham	September	Full Time	125			14,976	8,460				23,561	235,000	109	116	23	18			5						25	
Sherron Acres	Durham		Full Time																								
Unity	Durham		Full Time																								
Branch Chapel	Johnston	February	Full Time	413	1,400	594	6,871	2,801	10	25	10	9,324	60,000	296	296					6	12	6	12	2	6	15	
Everett's Chapel	Johnston	January	Full Time	1,202	1,800	594	10,834	6,000	88	85		20,603	130,000	211	185	55	30	18	14	12	18	12	12	2	12	10	
Friendship	Johnston	May	Full Time	145	610	393	7,782	2,900	29	120	5	11,985	45,000	154	114	30	30	32	18	12	12	12	2	12	10		
Holly Springs	Johnston	October	Full Time	128	238	135	3,150	4,100	12	31	3	7,797	75,000	204	112	30	30	16	18	12	12	12	2	12	10		
Kenly	Johnston	May	Full Time	540	713	333	10,024	7,010	175	100	25	18,920	105,000	268	219	26	60	12	12	12	12	12	2	12	10		
Micro	Johnston	May	Full Time	160	425	600	5,283	6,000	12	100		12,480	115,000	208	177	45	35	45	10	10	10	10	2	10	5		
Pine Level	Johnston	August	Full Time	400	850	703	11,077	6,290					82,000	316	183					2	2	2	2	2	20		
Piney Grove	Johnston	October	Full Time	307	378	672	1,704	6,650	172	162		11,379	252	201					2	2	2	2	2	2	20		
Pleasant Plain	Johnston	June	Full Time	458	525	311	1,883	2,100	385	123	25	5,810	44,000	160	115					2	2	2	2	2	15		
Rains Cross Roads	Johnston	August	Full Time	250	500		4,704	4,560			25	10,164	32,000	211	196					2	2	2	2	2	5		
Selma	Johnston	July	Full Time	400	275	100	5,059		162	250	25	12,945	75,000	167	128					2	2	2	2	2	5		
Stancil's Chapel	Johnston	August	1st and 3rd	152	940	143	3,295	2,400	100	15	10	7,055	15,000	109	100	15	15	12	12	2	2	2	2	2	8		
Barnes Hill	Nash	May	Full Time	308	434	445	1,335	2,000	113	113	8	4,755	30,000	80	103					2	2	2	2	2	10		
Flood's Chapel	Nash	June	2nd and 4th	150	200	150		1,125		4	4	1,687	20,000	57	48					2	2	2	2	2	5		
Free Union	Nash	September	Full Time	100	500	500		1,500	25	50	5		20,000	86	84					2	2	2	2	2	10		
Memorial Chapel	Nash		Full Time		93	17							25,000	175	88					2	2	2	2	2	10		
Mt. Zion	Nash	March	Full Time	202	809	368	6,753	5,200	93	63	8	9,025	40,000	190	160					2	2	2	2	2	25		
Rock Springs	Nash	June	1st and 3rd	64	111	144	1,345	1,740	26	10	5	3,445	20,000	67	110					2	2	2	2	2	5		
Stony Hill	Nash	April	Full Time	60	310	291	1,516	3,900	35	20		6,132	20,000	145	127					2	2	2	2	2	10		
Union Chapel	Nash	August	2nd and 4th		187	90	10	1,265		19		2,491	40,000	53	72					2	2	2	2	2	5		
Black Jack Grove	Wayne	April	Full Time	173	189		298	3,630		60	20	7,475	14,000	56	112	39				2	2	2	2	2	10		
Fremont	Wayne	June	Full Time	810	375	220		5,200	35	10		6,650	27,000	150	145					2	2	2	2	2	10		
Pleasant Grove	Wayne	July	Full Time	3,861	2,129	1,216	10,248	5,720	1,753	162	25	25,114	84,500	304	256					2	2	2	2	2	5		
Pleasant Hill	Wayne	August	1st and 3rd	496	740	752	7,101	2,400	175	150	25	9,439	40,000	134	142					2	2	2	2	2	10		
Spring Hill	Wayne	July	Full Time	680	650	200		1,800	100	200		1,830	60,000	63	60					2	2	2	2	2	10		
Stoney Creek	Wayne	July	Full Time	3,205	1,000	415	18,311	6,802	675	100		30,508	220,000	321	340					2	2	2	2	2	10		
Union Grove	Wayne	September	2nd and 4th	889	555	910		2,000	75	50		6,014	100,000	142	200					2	2	2	2	2	20		
Calvary	Wilson	June	Full Time	279	427	305	5,724	7,600	205	60	1,500	18,100	40,000	217	175					2	2	2	2	2	5		
First, Wilson	Wilson	September	Full Time	1,500	4,000	400	50,730	8,820	800	600	50	66,900	300,000	740	390					2	2	2	2	2	10		
Little Rock	Wilson	June	Full Time	476	1,340	1,303	8,648	5,720	587	120		18,192	82,250	342	232					2	2	2	2	2	10		
Marsh Swamp	Wilson	July	Full Time	360	1,172	374	8,918	1,680	74	69	25	12,672	75,000	329	211					2	2	2	2	2	10		
Milbourne	Wilson	May	Full Time	417	1,006	230	4,742	5,700	397	298		12,790	53,500	187	128					2	2	2	2	2	10		
Mt. Zion	Wilson	August	2nd and 4th	25	75		4,835	2,400		50		7,400	20,000	191	135					2	2	2	2	2	10		
New Sandy Hill	Wilson	April	Full Time	7	799	176	5,858	2,429	8	15		9,292	55,000	113	99					2	2	2	2	2	10		
Oak Grove	Wilson	September	Full Time																	2	2	2	2	2	10		
People's Chapel	Wilson	September	Full Time	617	881	70		4,019	45	70	20	744	40,000	165	91					2	2	2	2	2	10		
Rosebud	Wilson	September	Full Time	75	278		266	4,817	25	100			20,000	143	52					2	2	2	2	2	5		
Saint Mar's	Wilson	June	Full Time	448	891	1,553	16,670	6,665	349	144		26,722	144,195	222	185	37	39	25	26	29	3	3	3	3	10		
Watson's Grove	Wilson	November	1st and 3rd	47	80		150				47	324	800	12	25					2	2	2	2	2	5		
First Union Meeting																											
Second Union Meeting																											

Churches	Delegates
Elwood Lane	Walter Turnmire, Johnny Young
Northern	By Letter
Sherron Acres	
Unity	
Branch Chapel	Raymond Moore, Paul Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Phillips
Everett's Chapel	William Jones, T. R. Lee
Friendship	Mrs. Ralph Strickland, Judy Strickland
Holly Springs	Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Radford
Kenly	By Letter
Micro	Mrs. Leta Gold Bagley
Pine Level	Omega Starling, Octavia Edwards
Piney Grove	By Letter
Pleasant Plain	Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown
Rains Cross Roads	Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Daughtry
Selma	Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Ferrell
Stancil's Chapel	Paul Batten, Wilbert Hodge
Barnes Hill	By Letter
Flood's Chapel	By Letter
Free Union	H. C. Morgan
Memorial Chapel	Mrs. Willie Renfrow, Mrs. Suggs
Mt. Zion	By Letter
Rock Springs	Mrs. Joyce Brantley
Stony Hill	By Letter
Union Chapel	Terry Morgan, W. E. Parrish
Black Jack Grove	By Letter
Fremont	By Letter
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. Sylvia Gerald, Mrs. Darnell Radford
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Ila Berry, Mrs. Zona Bunn
Spring Hill	By Letter
Stoney Creek	By Letter
Union Grove	Avery Sasser Sr., Carl Futrell
Calvary	Florence Taylor, Patsy High
First Wilson	Leslie Hawley
Little Rock	Joyce Tant, Carolyn Rowe, Lrene Rose, Carolyn Eakes
Marsh Swamp	Lottie Boykin, Mildred Boswell, Polly Baker, Virginia Bunn
Milbourne	By Letter
Mt. Zion	Willard Brewer and Wife
New Sandy Hill	Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Wilson
Oak Grove	
People's Chapel	Mrs. Betries Winstead, Donna Bass
Rosebud	By Letter
Saint Mary's	Odell Howell
Watson's Grove	By Letter
First Union Meeting	
Second Union Meeting	

Pleasant Grove	3,600.00	5,091.20	5,200.00
Pleasant Hill	600.00	471.05	600.00
Pleasant Plain	375.00	299.70	375.00
Rains Cross Roads	550.00	301.00	550.00
Rock Springs	100.00	34.27	100.00
Memorial Chapel	150.00		
Rose Bud	150.00	180.46	200.00
St. Mary's	525.00	536.00	600.00
Selma	350.00	315.00	375.00
Sherron Acres	3,300.00	3,260.50	3,300.00
Spring Hill	900.00	655.00	900.00
Stancil's Chapel	150.00	138.69	200.00
Stoney Creek	1,800.00	3,423.68	3,500.00
Stony Hill	100.00	60.00	100.00
Union Chapel	100.00		100.00
Union Grove	700.00	893.41	950.00
Unity	100.00	124.37	175.00
Watson's Grove	100.00	37.26	100.00
Second Union	100.00	50.00	100.00
First Union	400.00	600.00	600.00
Youth Fellowship	200.00	18.50	100.00
First Western SS Convention	100.00	50.00	100.00
Second Western SS Convention		60.00	100.00
Auxiliary Convention	200.00	44.44	200.00
Individuals		679.00	
Totals	\$25,855.00	\$26,303.13	\$31,225.00

The above report is for contributions to the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Mission Board for the period of July 1, 1971 through June 30, 1972.

Report received as information.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

The board met at Kenly Free Will Baptist Church Annex on November 16, 1971. The minutes of the last year's session were approved. On motion that the Executive Board approve the Rev. Terry Woodard to pastor in the Western Conference until cleared by the Ordaining Council. On motion to recommend to the 1972 Session, that beginning with the 1973 Session the Western Conference be held one day, the Wednesday after the second Sunday in October of each year. This was amended to read "Thursday" rather than "Wednesday." On motion to lay this item on the table until tomorrow's session, and to be removed from the table, at that time, for further action. On motion that we recommend to the Conference that each church contribution be as follows: \$10 per 100 members or fraction thereof and that the maximum contribution be \$25. The Scholarship Fund

(of \$5 or more) is not included in this amount. On motion to accept cordial invitation of the Rev. Ray Wells to meet with the Selma church for next session and that clerk write letter of acceptance and appreciation for the invitation to Mr. Wells.

The board met on June 1, 1972, at Kenly church with three members of the Credentials Committee. On motion that the court proceedings involving the Western Conference be placed under separate cover, and that an insertion be placed in permanent minutes book to this effect and to their location. On motion that clerk proceed with revised church letter, approved by the Executive Board, and that he purchase 1,000 copies.

The board met at the Selma church on August 29, 1972. The board planned the program for this session of the Western Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Dewey Boling, *Chairman*

James Joyner, *Secretary*

Fred Rivenbark

Luther Bissette

Rufus Hare

On motion to adopt report, with exception of portion previously laid on the table.

The clerk shared letters from Evangelist Arnold Woodlief (Florida) and the Rev. R. N. Hinnant (Louisiana).

On motion for constitutional change in Article 8, Section 8 and change in Bylaws, Article 1, to coincide with passage of a part of Executive Board report. This item to lay on table until tomorrow's session. Item will then be brought before conference for action. On motion to comply.

Mrs. Alma Dale sang, "Jesus Is All the World to Me."

On motion to adjourn. The benediction followed.

On Wednesday evening, the Children's Home presented a very inspiring program to those who attended. There were inspiring talks by many of the children and workers. An offering was received for the Home in the amount of \$679.84 (a portion of this offering was received during the Thursday morning worship service).

THURSDAY MORNING

The morning session was opened with the congregation singing "I Know Whom I Have Believed," led by the Rev. C. F. Bowen. Mrs. R. N. Hinnant served as pianist for the day. Devotions were conducted by the Rev. Billy Ray Jordan.

REPORT OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

(For the Year Ending June 30, 1972)

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: The Free Will Baptist Children's Home, since 1920 when the first children were admitted, has continued to provide a home for those committed to its care. A total of 66 children are now making their home with us, 65 on campus and one in higher education.

Director of Campus Life: The Rev. J. Stewart Humphrey became director of campus life in February of this year. His duties are varied, but generally deal with the lives of the children. Medical, dental, emotional, and social phases of the child-care program at the Home are under his direction. The superintendent deals primarily with administrative duties, while the director of campus life is concerned with the actual care and supervision of staff and children.

Religious Program: The religious program of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home is planned to meet the needs of our children in the best possible way. Realizing that many have very difficult problems, there is a great need to restore to each child the feeling that he is loved. The Rev. Terry Woodard serves as the pastor of Memorial Chapel and also as the director of the religious life on campus.

November Is Children's Home Month: Again this year, the month of November has been designated as "Children's Home Month" and Sunday, November 19, 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* and all gifts will be reported in our *Newsletter*.

Report of Contributions and Suggested Quotas: Attached hereto 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 1972-1973. The suggested quotas are based on the suggested conference quotas as approved by the North Carolina State Convention on September 13, 1972. They are based upon our needs for general operating funds in order to meet our budget of \$223,500, which is very much in line with the last year's budget. If each church will meet its challenge we will have raised the \$200,400 needed in religious contributions. Please help your church meet this challenge.

The following is a report of gifts received from the Western Conference for 1971-72 compared with 1970-71 and the suggested quotas for 1972-73. These quotas are based upon the increase in the cost of living and the ever growing needs of our children.

Churches	Gifts		Suggested Quotas
	1971-1972	1970-1971	
Barnes Hill	\$ 1,318.36	\$ 589.18	\$ 1,500.00
Black Jack Grove	188.50	195.00	300.00
Branch Chapel	1,457.84	1,090.37	1,500.00
Calvary	526.00	565.10	800.00
Eastwood Chapel	87.19	42.51	200.00
Elwood Lane	133.69	136.02	400.00
Everett's Chapel	1,745.12	1,242.54	2,000.00
Flood's Chapel	212.00	200.00	300.00
Free Union	353.70	223.50	400.00
Fremont	522.03	188.55	800.00
Friendship	735.78	1,024.25	1,300.00
Holly Springs	576.41	544.94	800.00
Kenly	713.07	670.53	1,000.00
Little Rock	1,301.61	899.71	1,500.00
Marsh Swamp	1,542.35	1,767.08	2,000.00
Memorial Chapel	203.73	272.95	300.00
Micro	640.00	570.00	900.00
Milbournie	937.38	764.50	1,000.00
Mount Zion (Nash)	764.92	683.04	1,000.00
Mount Zion (Wilson)	197.61	36.31	200.00
New Sandy Hill	854.83	611.81	1,000.00
Northern	7.22	100.00	200.00
Oak Grove	70.00		200.00
People's Chapel	958.03	1,430.31	1,500.00
Piney Grove	575.63	745.90	1,200.00
Pine Level	1,671.70	1,184.15	2,000.00
Pleasant Grove	2,632.08	1,164.97	3,000.00
Pleasant Hill	780.00	637.02	1,000.00
Pleasant Plain	554.14	374.21	800.00
Rains Crossroads	701.75	580.15	1,000.00
Rock Springs	261.65	190.80	400.00
Rose Bud	538.76	429.83	800.00
Selma	279.61	366.15	600.00
Sherron Acres	2,401.50	1,490.00	2,500.00
Spring Hill	675.00	480.00	800.00
Stancil's Chapel	887.91	765.03	1,000.00
St. Mary's	1,411.10	1,246.70	1,500.00
Stoney Creek	1,120.00	850.00	1,200.00
Stony Hill	419.67	226.45	500.00

Unity	365.00	1383.30	600.00
Union Chapel	69.60	87.10	200.00
Union Grove	1,043.29	631.66	1,200.00
Watson's Grove	117.26	50.00	200.00
White Oak Hill			150.00
Wilson	4,066.35	2,243.15	5,000.00
Miscellaneous	1,037.17	982.34	1,500.00

\$37,656.54	\$28,957.11	\$46,450.00
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PURPOSE

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Free Will Baptist Children's Home

The Free Will Baptist Children's Home is a missionary organization designed to carry out the Great Commission by ministering to dependent and neglected children. The children we serve are from homes which have been broken for various reasons: alcohol, mental illness, crime, death, illness, poverty, neglect, desertion, etc. Throughout the years the ministry has changed so that now we care for children who usually are not orphans, but those who have an even greater need. These children do not know security and love as they should. Their faith has been shattered in the world about them and in themselves. Therefore, the purpose of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home is redemptive, in that we attempt to restore the child's faith in himself, in others, and, primarily, in God. As workers at the Home, we will try to do this by the best professional means available, but more than this, by our love and acceptance of a child. We will love him even as he is, just as Christ loved us in our sin.

To this end of rebuilding broken lives by the help of God, we dedicate ourselves.

On motion to receive report.

An offering was received for the Children's Home. This offering was included in the amount given at last night's service.

The roll call of ministers and of churches was made. (See same at beginning of proceedings.)

The business session was opened with the assistant moderator, the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, presiding in the absence of the moderator.

The Rev. R. N. Hinnant brought greetings from the state of Louisiana.

REPORT OF MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Matthew 5:14-16 was read.

The Lord has greatly blessed us during this past year in many ways. We are very thankful that He has seen fit not to take any of our dear ministers from us.

Let us pause for a moment to pay tribute to our friends and loved ones who have passed away since the conference last met.

Jesus told us in John 14:18 that He would not leave us comfortless. Just as this candle gives light, those of our friends and loved ones who have passed away have left memories to each of us of their lives, which have been a light to us. They have let their light so shine that the Father might be glorified.

Let each of us strive to let our light shine that we all may rejoice together in heaven.

THE LOVE OF THE FATHER

It comes to me more and more,
Each day as I pass along,
The love of the Father eternal
Is over us tender and strong.

'Tis not alone in the sunshine
Our lives grow pure and true;
There is growth as well in the shadow,
And pain has a work to do.

A message comes in the heartache,
A whisper of love in the pain;
The pangs we have fought and conquered
Tell the sweet story of gain.

So it comes to me more and more
As I enter upon each new day,
The love of the Father eternal
Is over us all the way.

—Anonymous.

Let us all stand for a moment of silent prayer in thankfulness to those who have passed from us.

Prayer: That we might let our lights so shine that we may be together in heaven.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Joe Gerald

Mrs. Roland Fleming

Mrs. Joyce Tant

On motion to receive report.

On motion to remove from table the item regarding the one-day session of conference next year. On motion to have one day, that day being Thursday, next year. On motion to remove from table the item regarding constitutional change and revision of bylaws.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE AND REVISION OF BYLAWS

The original reading: Constitution, Article 4, 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."

Bylaws, Article 1: "A session of the Western Conference shall be held annually on Wednesday and Thursday following the second Sunday in October."

The revised reading: Constitution, Article 4, 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 during the morning session for action during the afternoon session."

Bylaws, Article 1: "A session of the Western Conference shall be held annually on Thursday following the second Sunday in October."

On motion that this change be adopted. Vote: 40 for, 12 against.

FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, the Credentials Committee, wish to make this our final report to the 1972 session of the Western Conference:

Delegates	54
Ordained Ministers Registered	35
Licentiates Registered	2
Ministers Transferring Out of Conference (Rollins and Burnette)	2
Ministers Transferring into Conference (Smith and Grubbs)	2
Visiting Ministers	15
Churches Received	0
Money Sent to Conference	\$500.50
Scholarship Fund	\$80.00
Paid Ministers	\$162,781.89
Missions	\$18,404.89
Cragmont	\$6,788.51
Children's Home	\$32,524.16
Mount Olive College	\$19,308.19
Other Expenses	\$232,250.86
Total Raised	\$450,472.33
Total Membership of Churches	7,458
Churches Reporting	40
Union Meetings Reporting	0
Baptized	259
Total Sunday School Enrollment	6,279
Total League Enrollment	191
Received By Letter	133
Total New Members	392
Transferred By Letter	118
Died	84
Total Members Lost	202
Net Gain in Members	190

Woman's Auxiliary Membership	947
Youth Organizations Membership	864
Men's Organizations Membership	195
Total Value of Church Property	\$2,535,845.00
Offering for Mount Olive College	\$44.31
Offering for Children's Home	\$679.84
Church Finance Association	\$1,798.00
Superannuation	\$3,409.22

Respectfully submitted,
 Credentials Committee

On motion to adopt report.

On motion that Executive Committee reevaluate and clarify the duties of the Board of Ordination and the Board of Ministerial Character to determine all procedures relative to this matter and to write members of both boards to council with the Executive Committee at the meeting of the Executive Committee.

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We recommend to the Western Conference that said Conference go on record opposing the use and sale of alcoholic beverages and anything that would be sinful or unchristlike.

We further recommend that the Conference oppose all advertising of alcoholic beverages on radio and TV or anything that would be displeasing to our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
 H. Paul Jenkins and Billy Ray Jordan

On motion to accept report.

REPORT OF MINISTERIAL CHARACTER BOARD

We, the Ministerial Character Committee, are very happy to report no issue to come before the board.

Respectfully submitted,
 Ministerial Character Board

On motion to receive report.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 1: Whereas, the Selma Church has entertained this, the eighty-sixth annual session of the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptist 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 all who had a part in making this a wonderful session of the conference.

Respectfully submitted,
 Resolutions Committee

On motion to receive report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Balance On Hand	\$277.02
Received from Churches at Conference	480.50
Offering for Children's Home	50.36
Offering for Mount Olive College	27.38
Received from Rock Spring church (for Bible)	29.95

Total to Account for

\$865.21

Paid Out

Secretary's Expense	\$ 91.00
Children's Home	50.36
Mount Olive College	27.38
Free Will Baptist Press (for minutes)	316.16
Treasurer's Expense	15.00
Executive Board Expense (for three meetings)	115.28
Kenly Printing Co. (Printing Conference letters)	25.64
Mrs. Janes Joyner (for copying minutes—3 years)	45.00
Free Will Baptist Press (for Bible and folders)	34.06

Total Paid Out

\$719.88

Balance in Treasury

\$145.33

Respectfully submitted,

Luther Bissette, Treasurer

On motion to adopt the report.

The Treasurer also noted that there was \$160 in the Conference Scholarship Fund.

The Ordination Board was in charge of the morning worship. The congregation sang, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord."

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ORDINATION

The board met in regular meetings January 7, June 2, and October 7, 1972. Special meetings were held June 12, July 2, and July 16, 1972, for ordination services.

The board makes the following recommendations:

1. That the following names be added to the roll of ordained ministers: Frankie Flowers, J. Douglas Skinner, Luther E. Bissette, and Walter A. Turnmire.
2. That the following names be added to the roll of licensed ministers: Graham Faucette, John Melancon Jr., Dwight David Hawley, and Stanley Wayne Slaughter.
3. That the following name be dropped from the roll of ordained ministers by reason of surrendered credentials: Jimmy D. Barnes (6/2/72).

4. The following were cleared to pastor in the Western Conference: Preston Smith from the Eastern Conference—Rains Cross Roads; Delmas Brown from the Eastern Conference—People's Chapel; Adrian Grubbs from the Central Conference—Marsh Swamp; and Bruce Jones from the Central Conference—Union Grove.

Respectfully submitted,
Boyd Shook, *Chairman*
William L. Dale, *Secretary*
Joe Ingram
Royster Martin
Raymond Jones

On motion to adopt the report.

The charge was delivered by the Rev. Paul Jenkins, using II Timothy 4:1-8 as his Scripture text. The Rev. Walter Turnmire was ordained during this service. The Rev. William Dale presented to Rev. Turnmire, God's Word, the Bible. Then all ministers came forward for the prayer of dedication and the laying-on of hands. The Rev. R. H. Jackson gave the benediction and grace for the noon meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was opened with the Rev. Harry Jones leading the devotions, using 2 Peter 3:3-9, Matthew 24:3-13, 36-42, and portions from 2 Thessalonians. His topic was "Preacher, What Time Is It?" His remarks were followed by prayer.

The two ministers (Grubbs and Smith) coming into our fellowship, along with Mr. Turnmire, were received.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

We the Nominating Committee make the following recommendations:

Board of Trustees: Braxton Jones—1977

Board of Ministerial Character: John Swain—1977

Board of Ordination: C. F. Bowen—1977

Credentials Committee: Walton E. Parrish—1977

Respectfully submitted,
Nominating Committee

On motion to adopt report.

On motion to clean up possible discrepancy in membership of executive committee, to be left in hands of that committee.

The Rev. R. H. Jackson requested letter of transfer to Cape Fear. On motion to grant such letter.

On motion to give pastors to the first of November, each year, to give information to the treasurer regarding undergraduate ministerial students in college; then treasurer is to disperse scholarship money accordingly.

On motion to give clerk power to receive and to send letters to incoming and transferring ministers.

On motion that all unfinished business be left in the hands of the executive committee.

The Rev. De Wayne Eakes gave us an oral summary of accomplishments at Cragmont.

On motion to accept invitation of pastor, the Rev. Harry Brown, to meet with the Northern church for next year's session.

The closing devotions were led by the Rev. Walton Parrish, using Mark 13:24-33 for his Scriptural reading, and as the basis for his remarks. The Rev. L. S. Joyner gave the benediction.

Dewey C. Boling, *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 during the morning session for action during the afternoon session.

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 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.

