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## OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1973-1974

Moderator . . . . .	Fred A. Rivenbark
Assistant Moderator . . . . .	Dewey C. Boling
Clerk . . . . .	James V. Joyner
Treasurer . . . . .	Luther E. Bisette

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Fred A. Rivenbark, Chairman  
Dewey C. Boling, Vice-Chairman  
James V. Joyner, Secretary  
Luther E. Bisette, Treasurer  
Johnny Howell, Member at Large

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

C. F. Bowen	1974
Jimmy Barfield	1975
Billy Yawn	1976
Braxton Jones	1977
Paul Jenkins	1978

### BOARD OF ORDINATION

Boyd Shook	1974
William L. Dale	1975
Raymond Jones	1976
C. F. Bowen	1977
De Wayne Eakes	1978

### BOARD OF MINISTERIAL CHARACTER

Harold Mac Wallace	1974
J. B. Godwin	1975
Foy C. Futrelle	1976
Edgar Benton	1977
Billy Yawn	1978

### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Harry Grubbs	1974
De Wayne Eakes	1975
Ray Wells	1976
Walton E. Parrish	1977
Dwight Hawley	1978

## 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 1, Box 395, Fremont, N. C. 27880  
Bissette, Luther E., Route 1, Sims, N. C. 27880  
Boling, Dewey C., 712 E. Horne 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  
Clifton, Roy T., Route 2, Box 21-A, Nashville, N. C. 27856  
Crumpler, J. Noble, Box 151, Kenly, N. C. 27542  
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., Box 5, Arapahoe, N. C. 28510  
Faucette, Graham, Route 1, Kenly, N. C. 27542  
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 27, Goldsboro, N. C. 27530  
Godwin, J. B., Route 2, Selma, N. C. 27576  
Greene, George L., Box 334, Route 3, Elm City, N. C. 27822  
Grubbs, Adrian, Route 1, Sims, N. C. 27880  
Grubbs, Harry C., Route 2, Box 607, Wilson, N. C. 27893  
Hales, Milford, Route 3, Kenly, N. C. 27542  
Harrison, Ray Jr., Route 2, Box 340, Grifton, N. C. 28530  
Hawley, Dwight D., 204 Emory Street, Wilson, N. C. 27893  
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, Harold, 25 Matiyaga, East Avenue Subdivision, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines.  
Jones, Raymond, 310 Southerland Street, Durham, N. C. 27700  
Jordan, Billy Ray, Route 1, Kenly, N. C. 27542  
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  
Melancon, R. John, Route 3, Kenly, N. C. 27542  
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. 27530  
 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 47560  
 Smith, Preston, Route 1, Box 57-A, Kenly, N. C. 27542  
 Suggs, Charles W., Route 2, Box 604, Goldsboro, N. C. 27530  
 Taylor, Gary M., Box 361, Kenly, N. C. 27542  
 Turnmire, Walter A., 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 (Box 810)  
 Wallace, Harold Mac, 817 Lynn Road, Durham, N. C. 27700  
 Wells, Ray E., 703 Webb Street, Selma, N. C. 27576  
 Yates, J. C., 216-5 Sybil Street, Jacksonville, N. C. 28540  
 Yawn, Billy R., Box 715, Clayton, N. C. 27520

### **LICENTIATES AND THEIR ADDRESSES**

Futrell, Bobby, (no address given).  
 Gray, Raymond C. Jr., Route 2, Goldsboro, N. C. 27530  
 Herndon, Henry III, (no address given).  
 Jones, David, (no address given).  
 Matthews, Stan, (no address given).  
 Renfrow, Charles L., 802 E. Horne Street, Clayton, N. C. 27520  
 Scott, Howard, Route 3, Kenly, N. C. 27542  
 Slaughter, Stanley W., Route 4, Box 323-B, Henderson, N. C. 27536

### **VISITING MINISTERS**

Cape Fear Conference - Roy Clifton and Lloyd Hargis  
 Central Conference - James Lupton, Walter Reynolds and Hubert Burress  
 Eastern Conference - Davie Brinson and Ray Harrison  
 Piedmont Conference - O. B. Jones

# **CHURCHES, COUNTIES, AND PASTORS FOR 1973-74**

## **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. Royster Martin

Kenly - James V. Joyner

Micro - Roland C. Cherry

Pine Level - Robert L. Langley

Piney Grove - Clyde W. Cox

Pleasant Plain - Ray Harrison

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 - David W. Hansley

Mount Zion - Roy Clifton

Rock Springs - Luther Bisette

Stony Hill - Raymond Sasser

Union Chapel - Walton E. Parrish

## **Orange County**

West Hillsboro - Grayson Spencer

## **Wayne County**

Black Jack Grove - Charles Sugg

Fremont Chapel - Lloyd Hargis

Living Waters - Wayne King

Pleasant Grove - James Lupton

Pleasant Hill - C. M. Coats

Spring Hill - William L. Dale

Stoney Creek - Fred A. Rivenbark

Union Grove - John Melancon Jr.

## **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  
 Oak Grove - George L. Greene  
 People's Chapel - Delmas J. Brown  
 Rosebud - Edgar Benton  
 Saint Mary's - Davie Brinson  
 Watson Grove - Jimmie L. Barfield  
 First Union Meeting - James V. Joyner, Moderator  
 Second Union Meeting - Luther Bissette, Moderator

## CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

### Cabarrus County

Elwood Lane - Walter Turnmire, 1208 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 E. 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 - Mrs. Sam Weeks, Drawer E, Middlesex, N. C. 27557  
 Mount Zion - Mrs. Annie Manning, Route 2, Box 384, Spring Hope,  
 N. C. 27882  
 Rock Springs - Mrs. Oscar Whitley Jr., Route 1, Bailey, N. C. 27807

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

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

Orange County  
West Hillsboro -

Wayne County

Black Jack Grove - Hubert Barnes, Route 6, Goldsboro, N. C. 27530

Fremont - Mrs. Robert Proctor, Box 353, Fremont, N. C. 27830

Living Waters - Mrs. Connie Mercer, P. O. Box 372, Pikeville, N. C.  
27863

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 Union - Mrs. Barbara Wilson, 1114 Fifth Street, Wilson, N. C.  
27893

Little Rock - Willis R. Holland, P. O. Box --, 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

People's Chapel - Betrie Winstead, Route 2, Box 414, Elm City, N. C.  
27822

Oak Grove - Mrs. Patricia Gardner, 515 Grove Street, Wilson, N. C.  
27893

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 - Rev. C. F. Bowen, 1731 Hillcrest Drive, Wilson  
N. C. 27893

Second Union Meeting - Rev. Edgar Benton, Route 1, Box 395, Fremont,  
N. C. 27830



# PROCEEDINGS

The eighty-seventh annual session of the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with the Northern church, Bahama, North Carolina, October 18, 1973.

The conference was called to order by the clerk. The moderator introduced Stanley Slaughter to lead the devotions. The congregation sang, "There Is Power in the Blood". Mr. Slaughter used II Corinthians 5:4-7 as the basis for his remarks. He closed his devotions with prayer. The host pastor, Rev. Harry Brown, gave a hearty welcome; Rev. Paul Jenkins, responded to the welcome.

## ROLL CALL OF MINISTERS

Ministers present were as follows: Jimmie Barfield, Edgar Benton, Luther Bissette, Dewey Boling, Harry Brown, Roland Cherry, De Wayne Eakes, Foy Futrelle, J. B. Godwin, George Greene, Harry Grubbs, R. P. Harris, Frank Harrison, Paul Jenkins, Harold Jones, Billy Jordan, James Joyner, L. S. Joyner, Royster Martin, Charles Morgan, Walton Parrish, Fred Rivenbark, Preston Smith, Charles Sugg, Walter Turnmire, L. L. Therrell, Mac Wallace, Billy Yawn, Dwight Hawley, Stanley Slaughter, Howard Scott and Charles Renfrow.

At the roll call of churches, 43 of the 45 churches reported (with delegation), represented by letter or forwarded letter at later date. This was the best representation of churches in a long time. It compares with last year's 40 of 43 reporting. Neither union meeting reported, but both moderators and one clerk were present.

Recognition of visitors was given by moderator (see list of visiting ministers).

The moderator gave his remarks, then appointed the following committees: Nominating - Royster Martin, Billy Yawn, De Wayne Eakes, Dwight Hawley and Billy Jordan; Resolutions - Paul Jenkins, Walton Parrish, Walter Turnmire, Charles Morgan and Harry Brown; Memorial - Mrs. Charles Renfrow, Mrs. Fay Wilhelm and Mrs. Dwight Wall; and Temperance - Harold Jones, Harry Grubbs, Walter Reynolds and Mrs. J. B. Godwin.

The Living Waters church, near Pikeville, was received into the conference, by the moderator.

## PARTIAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

A partial report of the Credentials Committee was given: The Credentials Committee reports that there are 37 delegates and 32 ministers today who are members of this conference. There are also 8 visiting ministers and 4 visiting laymen present.

We so move that we recognized the delegates and ministers of this conference as having voting privileges and welcome the visiting ministers and laymen to this conference. Respectfully submitted, Paul Jenkins, Harry Grubbs and De Wayne Eakes.

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee had only three (3) meetings during the past year and attended to all business related to the duties of the committee.

The Board met on December 4, 1972, with the Board of Ordination and the Ministerial Character Committee. Rev. C. F. Bowen lead in prayer. The purpose of this meeting was to consider motion made in last session relative to clarification of duties of the Ordination Board and the Ministerial Character Committee. After much discussion, on motion to accept recommendations (note Sec. 3 (one word) and Sec. 4 (separate paper). Benediction by Rev. John Swain.

(Meeting, same night (at Kenly FWB Church parsonage), with Mr. Gary Barefoot, librarian at Mount Olive College).

On motion that original manuscript minute book (record of formation of conference, through 1961 session) and typewritten manuscript (1960-1961) be turned over to the Historical Collection, at Mount Olive College, with the stipulation that they can be removed by vote of Executive Board or Conference.

(Meeting, same night, of Executive Committee).

On motion to approve minutes of last session.

On motion to change Art. 4, Sec. 1 to include assistant moderator, clerk . . . etc . . . . and one member elected . . . . .

Meeting adjourned.

The Board met on May 8, 1973 at Pikeville, N. C., with the Living Waters Mission. Brother Herman Croom lead in prayer. Brother Johnny Howell was incharge of the meeting, he inturn turned the meeting over to the Rev. Dewey Boling, moderator of the conference. The clerk of the church group stated that the mission had 48 members and were on full-time status. He, also, stated that the mission did not have a pastor, at present. But, that a pastoral committee was at work. The clerk stated that the mission had voted to join the Western Conference (vote 27 - 3).

After a period of questioning and answering, the conference clerk made a motion to organize the group into a church. Rev. F. A. Rivenbark presented the Bible; Rev. Dewey Boling presented the Statement of Faith and Discipline; Rev. Luther Bisette read the Church Covenant; and Rev. Dewey Boling prayed the prayer of consecration.

Meeting adjourned.

The Board met on September 13, 1973, at the West Hillsboro Church, Hillsboro, N. C. There were four (4) members of the church, one (1) member of the Church Extension Board, two (2) members of the Sherron Acres FWB Church, Durham, the Superintendent of the Children's Home, Middlesex and four (4) members of the Conference Executive Board, present.

The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Dewey Boling. Brother Bob Tyson, a member of the Hillsboro church, played several selections on the piano, with his wife singing, others joined in later. After a period of discussion relative to the church future, the decision to accept the church back into the conference. On motion to receive church back into conference. Meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted, Executive Board.

On motion to receive report except items to be placed on table for reconsideration in afternoon session.

On motion to receive report.

West Hillsboro church received into conference on motion. Received into conference by the moderator.

## **REPORT OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME**

Superintendent's Report to 1973 Conference.

**APPRECIATION:** We sincerely appreciate the support you have given us during this past year. Financially and in other ways, we have had one of the best years in the history of the Home. You are responsible for us being able to make such a great claim. We thank you, not only for your financial support, but for your constant prayers. Please continue to remember us and help us throughout the coming year.

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

**CHILDREN:** At the present time, there is a total of 73 children on our rolls. One of the 73 is in college this year. During the past year, there have been 17 children admitted and 9 were discharged, resulting in an increased membership of 8. Of the 9 discharged, 5 had reached their eighteenth birthday, 3 were re-united with their families and 1 was discharged for cause.

**EMPLOYEES:** The success of this Home has been, and will continue to be, dependent upon the faithfulness and dedication of the workers who are here. Working here is more than a job, it is a new way of life, which requires every minute of the day. We are very thankful for our willing, dedicated workers, for many of them have given their whole lives to this missionary effort.

At this time last year, the Home had 28 full-time employees. Job billets were reduced earlier this year to 25 employees. At the present time, we have only 23 employees, so, we are in need of two qualified houseparents now.

The Rev. Gene Britt became the Director of Campus Life on September 1, 1973.

**RELIGIOUS PROGRAM:** The Religious Program of the 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 they are loved. This is accomplished by presenting Christ to them as the answer to their problems and by our daily Christian witness. On September 1, 1973, the Rev. D. W. Hansley became the pastor of Memorial Chapel and also the Director of the Religious Life on campus. Memorial Chapel has grown physically and spiritually during the past year; and we are looking forward to an even

greater year this next year, under Mr. Hansley's pastorate. We are having Sunday School and church services each Sunday morning and Sunday evening service.

Memorial Chapel is a member in good standing of the Western Conference. Church membership has increased by ten members during the past year and we have six awaiting baptism.

**FARM PROGRAM:** The farm was operated for the third year under the management of Mr. J. B. Patterson. He was assisted in the farm work by our older boys. Together they have worked hard and the Lord has blessed us with good crops, for which we are thankful. The entire farm (120 acres) has been in cultivation this year. Again, the tobacco was leased off the farm, providing additional acres for raising grain, which will be used to feed our livestock.

The livestock operation is of considerable value. We have 33 black angus cows, 36 calves and a Simmental bull. The herd has supplied nearly all our beef needs this past year and will provide it in total the next year. Our pork needs are supplied by the hogs we raise. At the present time, we have 146 head of hogs. Other livestock on the farm consists of 40 turkeys and 5 ponies. The farm has netted a significant profit for the 1972-73 crop year, about \$5,000.00.

Most of the older children help perform the duties on the farm. They are also encouraged to work off campus in their free time. This gives them experience at employment, contact with the community and provides additional income to bring home.

**EDUCATION:** The children are doing very well in school. Last year, we only had one child who failed. All of us are looking for a better educational year ahead, for we have Mrs. Elizabeth (Ma) Hansley as our Education Counselor. The title of Education Counselor is a new one and replaces the title of School Liaison Coordinator. The title was changed to become more self-descriptive of the duties performed, which should avoid some confusion or misunderstanding.

**FINANCIAL SITUATION:** Contributions from churches are about 10% higher than at this time last year, although higher costs of living are absorbing them. The Home will realize some monies from the sale of the timber, however, this money will not be available for routine use nor for operating expenses. Most of the money received from the timber will be used for land redevelopment and placed in an endowment fund. The interest earned from the endowment will be placed into the general funds.

#### **FUTURE CHALLENGES - FIVE AVENUES OF SUPPORT**

1. **General Funds:** A request was made of each church to include "\$6.00 per member per year" in their budget for the current year. Many of the churches have responded to this request, but if yours has not, please go back to your church and ask to have your budget modified accordingly.
2. **Sponsorship Program:** This program consists of providing \$660.00 a year or \$55.00 a month for the direct support of a child.
3. **Special Love Offerings:** We ask for special offerings on three occasions during the year, which are: Founder's Day (May), State

Convention (September) and Thanksgiving (November). We have had a tremendous response to Founder's Day and the State Convention. The Convention offering totaled over \$9,800.00. The State Convention has approved a recommendation that each church observe Children's Home Day on the second Sunday in November, which is November 11th. On that day, we ask each church to take up a love offering for us and bring it to the Thanksgiving Services to be held at the Home on November 17th. Turkey envelopes are available for churches, if they request them.

4. **Memorial Gifts:** We have Memorial Gift envelopes available for any one who wishes to use them in memory of a friend or loved one who is deceased. We send cards of acknowledgement to the deceased's family.
5. **Endowments, Wills or Bequests:** Persons may name the Children's Home as a beneficiary on their wills or on their insurance policy or just make an outright gift as an endowment.

#### **ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

1. **Laundry Fire:** The laundry caught fire and suffered severe damage during the latter part of August. The operation of the Home was not hindered to any large degree. All laundry is currently being done in each cottage, which is an overload, but it can be absorbed on a temporary basis. The greatest loss in the fire was winter clothing which had not yet been issued to the children. The building and contents were covered by insurance, which should sustain the major portion of the loss. A decision will be made in the near future as to the disposition of the laundry. Even though it was a great material loss, we are very thankful that no one was injured in the fire.
2. **Information Media:** The Free Will Baptist has been and will continue to be the primary source used to provide information to the denomination. If you don't receive it, please subscribe without delay. Also, the Home publishes a quarterly newsletter during the first week of each calendar year.
3. **Coming Events at the Home:** On November 17th we will conduct Thanksgiving Services at the Children's Home. This will be an all day festivity beginning at 10:00 A. M. We ask each of you to come and visit us on this special day.

**CLOSING REMARKS:** Thank each of you so very much for your faithful support in providing "a Christian Home for boys and girls". Please come visit with us, write a letter or telephone at any time. Our doors are completely open to you and you are always welcome. Remember us in your daily prayers. Respectfully submitted, Sam Weeks, Superintendent.

Listed below is a report of gifts received during 1972-73.

Barnes Hill, \$977; Black Jack Grove, \$300; Branch Chapel, \$1,364; Calvary, \$1,104; Eastwood Chapel, \$50; Elwood Lane, \$200; Everett's Chapel, \$1,990; Flood's Chapel, \$225; Free Union, \$88; Fremont, \$395; Friendship, \$1,139; Holly Springs, \$418; Kenly, \$696; Little Rock, \$1,635; Living Waters, \$505; Marsh Swamp, \$1,377; Micro, \$617; Memorial Chapel, \$132; Milbournie, \$913; Mount Zion (Nash), \$586; Mount Zion (Wilson),

\$596; New Sandy Hill, \$626; Northern --; Oak Grove, \$241; People's Chapel, \$1,497; Piney Grove, \$1,347; Pine Level, \$1, 415; Pleasant Grove, \$2,489; Pleasant Hill, \$1,026; Pleasant Plain, \$691; Rains Cross Roads, \$708; Rock Springs, \$266; Rosebud, \$520; Selma, \$373; Sherron Acres, \$1,770; Spring Hill, \$610; Stancil's Chapel, \$1,058; Stoney Creek, \$1,206; Stony Hill, \$399; St. Mary's, \$1,740; Union Chapel, \$345; Union Grove, \$815; Unity, \$200; Watson's Grove, \$152; Wilson, First, \$5,298; First Union, \$303; Second Union, \$480; First S. S. Convention, \$75; Ladies Auxiliary Convention, \$259; Youth Fellowship, \$2,586; Y.F.A., \$170; and Western Conference, --- (These figures rounded to nearest dollar). Total amount given, \$43,972.89.

On Motion to receive report as information.

## REPORT OF THE CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

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 8/21/73 for this year were \$118,761.28 - a record year. Another first this year was passing the one million dollar mark in loans since April 20, 1940. Total loans made now stands at \$1,072,-759.99. Our deposits have increased about 15%, but not enough to meet the demands. We now need funds to make loans that have been approved. 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)
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 on present interest.
5. All profits remain in the Association to better serve Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

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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.

S. A. Smith, President; Hubert Burress, Secretary-Treasurer

On motion to receive report as information

Rev. Burress also shared news of Mrs. R. N. Hinnant's illness.



Rev. Harold Jones gave greetings from the missionary work in the Philippines.

## **REPORT OF CHRISTIAN ACTION LEAGUE**

This being an oral report given by the Rev. Walter Reynolds. Report received for information.

The congregation then sang, "Have Faith in God". An offering was received in the amount of \$56.69.

There was special singing by a quartet from the host church. They sang, "The Lovely Name of Jesus" and "Why Me Lord?"

The Rev. Frank Ray Harrison brought the conference message, using II Kings 18:17-25, as the basis for his sermon entitled, "Elijah, The Man of God." He closed his message with prayer.

On motion that Brother Harrison's message be placed in print in The Free Will Baptist.

Grace for the noon meal and the benediction were given by the Rev. O. B. Jones.

The AFTERNOON SESSION began with singing, "When We All Get to Heaven", led by Linwood Renfrow.

Howard Scott led the devotions by reading Acts 1:7-8. He closed his devotions with prayer.

## **REPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION FOREIGN MISSION BOARD**

We greet you in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It is with deep appreciation to you and God that we make this report to you. Your faithfulness during the past year has resulted in hundreds of souls that are free from the darkness of sin. They have seen the glorious light of Jesus Christ and received Him as their Saviour. Now they are our brothers and sisters in Christ. Many of you will never see them on this earth, but I trust that God will someday let each of us meet each of them in heaven.

Things seem to be progressing on the fields under the leadership of God. He is certainly faithful in His promises to us to bring the harvest if we will only provide the witness for Him.

Rev. and Mrs. Link are now in Quemado, Texas. They are in language school and finding that a daily study of Spanish is quite a job. They also have enjoyed presenting the Gospel through some Bible clubs and evangelistic services both in Texas and Mexico. Please pray for them as they prepare for the years ahead through a study of the language now.

Rev. and Mrs. Timmons are continuing to carry on the program of the Bible Institute and helping the national pastors in Mexico. Reports are very good concerning the progress being made on the field in Mexico. We now have eight (8) Mexican pastors serving in Mexico. Please pray that this number might grow and that the witness might be expanded in Mexico.

Rev. and Mrs. Harold Jones are now home on furlough from the Philippines. They are in the process of visiting and sharing the activities of the Philippine work with our people. Only a few dates are open now,

so if you have not made plans for him to be with you, you should do so immediately. They will leave for their return to the Philippines about the first of July, 1974.

During the year that Rev. and Mrs. Jones are at home, the work in the Philippines is in the capable hands of Rev. Zacharias Perocillo and Lorenzo Dela Rosa in Puerto Princesa. They are enjoying the blessings of God during these months. Brother Pio Dela Rosa is at Tamnao carrying on the work there of establishing churches. Pray for these workers.

May we solicit your prayers for a very special need of the board? The greatest need that we have at the present is for laborers. We need help in the work. As you read this and share it with your church, please make it an object of prayer. Pray that God will lay a burden on the hearts of our Pastors and laymen for the souls of men. When this burden is there, may He call out laborers to help reap the fields that are "white unto harvest." If you are interested in serving God on the foreign field, please contact your Mission Board at Box 979, Goldsboro, N. C. 27530 or Telephone (919) 734-5946. We will try to answer any questions that you may have. Pastors, we need your help in the above request. Please share it with your people.

Listed below is a report of gifts received during 1972-73.

Barnes Hill, \$510; Black Jack Grove, \$263; Branch Chapel, \$447; Calvary, \$492; Elwood Lane, \$120; Everett's Chapel, \$1,331; First, Wilson, \$2,205; Flood's Chapel, \$317; Free Union, \$127; Fremont, \$925; Friendship, \$163; Holly Springs, \$95; Kenly, \$680; Little Rock, \$590; Living Waters, \$1,382; Marsh Swamp, \$400; Memorial Chapel, \$25; Micro, \$204; Milbournie, \$402; Mount Zion (Nash), \$229; Mount Zion (Wilson), --; New Sandy Hill, \$72; Northern, \$15; Oak Grove, \$95; People's Chapel, \$891; Pine Level, \$417; Piney Grove, \$671; Pleasant Grove, \$4,404; Pleasant Hill, \$460; Pleasant Plain, \$75; Rains Cross Roads, \$473; Rock Springs, \$44; Rosebud, \$139; Saint Mary's, \$632; Selma, \$234; Sherron Acres, \$2,900; Spring Hill, \$686; Stancil's Chapel, \$76; Stoney Creek, \$2,354; Stony Hill, \$113; Union Chapel, \$117; Union Grove, \$1,022; Unity, \$85; Watson's Grove, \$47; Youth Convention, \$40; First Union, \$400; Second Union, \$50; First Western S. S. Convention, \$50; Ladies Auxiliary Convention, \$38; and Individuals, \$200. (Amounts to nearest dollar) Total amount given, \$27,705.53. Respectfully submitted, Joseph H. Ingram, Director.

The above report was given by the Rev. Harold Jones.

On motion to received as information.

## **REPORT OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND HOME MISSIONS BOARD**

Greetings from the F. W. B. Church Extension (Home Missions) reporting through July 1973.

We are thankful for the prayerful support that we have received during the past year; however, most of our churches have not yet begun to support this work. It stands to reason that we must put aside all skepticism and biasness and have a good Home Missions program if we are to survive and bear fruit as a denomination. We must not allow this work to fall short of its objective.

During the past year this board has met six times and has placed two Home Missionaries on the field; one is located at 248 Ellison St., Hope

Mills, N. C. It is directed by Al Markuson, a ministerial student at Mount Olive College. They are currently meeting in a house that was loaned to them. The other mission is located at Route 4, Box 323-B Henderson, N. C. in Watkins Township about four miles west on business Hwy. 158 toward Oxford, N. C. It is directed by Stanley Slaughter, a ministerial student at Mount Olive College. He is assisted by his father Elmo, mother Betty, and sister Kay. They are currently meeting in their home. Tel. 438-6258. We have promoted this work extensively and have investigated numerous other prospective home mission sites, and have been on constant watch for home missionaries. As it stands now, the lack of funds is a definite hindrance to our progress. Let us present to you just one example of what home missions means to us. We have a church that started from scratch with just two families nine years ago and it has yielded four new ministers, countless new converts, and is currently putting approximately \$3,500 annually back into charity and F. W. B. denominational enterprises. We believe that if our people will join together and really rally to this cause, it will prove to be a most significant advancement for the cause of Christ that we have experienced in this generation.

Listed below is a report of gifts from churches in this conference, up through July, 1973.

Everett's Chapel S. S., \$20; Pleasant Hill, \$80; Pleasant Plain, \$75; Saint Mary's, \$175. Send all contributions to : Taylor Hill, Sec.-Treas., 1207 Arsenal Avenue, Fayetteville, N. C. 28305. Tel. 485-3980. Respectfully submitted, Taylor Hill.

This report was given by Stanley Slaughter. On motion to receive report as information.

## **REPORT OF BOARD OF ORDINATION OF WESTERN CONFERENCE**

Report to the Conference in session October 18, 1973.

The Board met in regular meetings on February 2, June 1, and October 13, 1973.

Special meetings were held July 1, July 8, and July 15, 1973.

The following were examined and recommended to be licensed: Stan Matthews, Stoney Creek Church; David Jones, Stoney Creek Church; Bobby Futrell, Pleasant Grove Church; Charles Renfrow, Everett's Chapel Church and Howard Scott, Kenly Church.

The following were examined and ordained: James Graham Faucette, Alfred James Markuson, Roland John Melancon and Dwight David Hawley.

Brother Noble Crumpler has been examined and will be ordained at his home church, Kenly FWB Church on October 21, 1973 at 3:00 P.M.

We recommend that these brethren be extended the right hand of fellowship and that their names be added to the roll of Ordained Minister.

Brother John Swain surrendered his Certificate to the Board as he has returned to The General Baptist.

Brother Alfred Markuson has transferred to the Cape Fear Conference.

Respectfully submitted, B. L. Shook, Chairman, William Dale, Secretary, Royster Martin, Raymond Jones and C. F. Bowen.

On motion to adopt report.

## REPORT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS FOUNDATION, INC.

Your support and prayers have helped make this another good year in our work and for this we are very grateful. We need the continued support of Free Will Baptist people so we can continue rendering service to our denomination.

This year the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation is celebrating one hundred years of service. Looking back upon the past we hope that you realize what the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation has meant to our church. For years this was the only institution giving any identity to our work. As we reflect on the past we cannot ignore the future for there is much to be done. This institution is ours and we can well be proud of its accomplishments. The Lord has given guidance and help in times of need so that progress has continued. However, in these days of unrest, rising prices, and ever-increasing inflation, we must continue to seek the Lord's help and guidance.

Even though the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation doesn't depend upon contributions, we still depend upon you to support us. The Press Foundation is a business and we need your patronage but more than this, this institution is a service agency to our denomination. The Free Will Baptist Press Foundation is OURS--YOURS AND MINE--and as such, we should seek to make it the best institution possible.

In celebration of our One Hundredth Anniversary we are offering you, from now until December 31, 1973, a one (1) year subscription to The Free Will Baptist for \$2.00 plus tax. (Limit one subscription per person) Every Free Will Baptist should be receiving this publication into their home.

We invite you to visit one of our bookstores: Ayden Bible and Bookstore, 811 North Lee Street, Ayden, North Carolina 28513, telephone 746-6128; New Bern Bible and Bookstore, 213 Middle Street, New Bern, North Carolina 28560, telephone 638-6193; Smithfield Bible and Bookstore, 122 South Third Street, Smithfield, North Carolina 27577, telephone 934-7149; and Wilson Bible and Bookstore, 1101 Downing Street (Five Points), Wilson, North Carolina 27893, telephone 243-4982.

We invite 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.

On motion to receive report for information.

## **REPORT OF SUPERANNUATION BOARD (July 1, 1972--June 30, 1973)**

We are very grateful for your prayers and support for the work of the Board of Superannuation.

Even though this was another good year in our work, we still need more funds to increase every phase of our program. We need to meet our budget of thirty thousand dollars in gifts from our churches. This past year we received less than half of this amount.

There seems to be an increase in interest among our ministers, and more and more are participating in one or more phases of the program. While this is good, there are many not participating; and, we urge all of our ministers to take advantage of the program offered them.

### **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED**

1. Pray for the work of Superannuation and for the members of the Board of Superannuation. Pray for the ministers of our denomination, and especially for your pastor.

2. Remember the request of the State Convention that our churches assist their pastor in preparing for retirement through the Superannuation programs as follows:

#### **MINIMUM ASSISTANCE:**

a. A full-time church pays \$150 per year on pastor's retirement.

b. A part-time church pays \$75 per year on pastor's retirement.

Note: This minimum assistance should either be increased by the Church or matched by the minister.

3. Be sure your church is making regular offerings to this most worthy cause. Include the work of Superannuation 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: N. C. BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION, P. O. BOX 474, AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA 28513.

Listed below is a report of gifts received during 1972-73.

Barnes Hill, \$75; Black Jack Grove, \$85; Branch Chapel, \$60; Calvary, \$60; Elwood Lane, \$62; Everett's Chapel, \$110; Flood's Chapel, \$25; Free Union, --; Fremont, --; Friendship, \$53; Holly Springs, \$40; Kenly, \$100; Little Rock, \$100; Marsh Swamp, \$50; Memorial Chapel, --; Micro, --; Milbournie, \$300; Mount Zion (Nash), \$6; Mount Zion (Wilson), \$70; New Hope, --; New Sandy Hill, \$10; Northern, --; People's Chapel, \$125; Pine Level, \$150; Piney Grove, \$196; Pleasant Grove, \$100; Pleasant Hill, \$150; Pleasant Plain, \$75; Rains Cross Roads, \$125; Rock Springs, \$20; Rosebud, \$100; Saint Mary's, \$90; Selma, --; Sherron Acres, --; Spring Hill, \$200; Stancil's Chapel, \$15; Stoney Creek, \$200; Stony Hill, \$40; Union Chapel, --; Union Grove, \$100; Unity, --; Watson's Grove, \$47; Wilson, First, \$263; First Western S. S. Convention, \$50; Second Western S. S. Convention, \$40; and Individuals, \$25. (Amounts rounded to nearest dollar). Total amount given, \$3,306.31.

Respectfully submitted, Walter Reynolds, Director-Treasurer.

On motion to receive report as information.

## **REPORT OF MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE**

### **OPPORTUNITY AND MISSION**

We believe that the time is at hand for the Free Will Baptists of North Carolina to develop a truly distinctive program of Christian education for our youth and our church, and this opportunity is available through Mount Olive College. It is now within our reach to fulfill the dream of our church forefathers who left us a "goodly heritage" of sound doctrine and a vision of a strong evangelical church.

On our campus and in many of our churches there is a spark of spiritual vitality which can be fanned into a living flame of learning, evangelism and Christian service. God has blessed our College with a large number of dedicated Christian young people who are growing in their spiritual experience and who desire to share their Christian faith with others. Your prayers and support of Mount Olive College are indeed an investment in the advancement of the Free Will Baptist Church.

### **CHAPEL**

Construction on the chapel is moving forward and we anticipate having this building in use before the end of the current school year. We have long needed a designated place where our students and personnel could go for private prayer and public worship, and the chapel, located at the heart of our campus, will provide this place. The building is not an end within itself--it is rather a means we believe God will use to help advance the spiritual development of our entire campus.

### **ENROLLMENT AND FINANCIAL AID**

A total of 300 students have enrolled for the fall semester, and of this number twenty-seven are preparing for the ministry and church-related vocations. We have the space and we would like to serve more students. Fortunately, we have adequate financial aid resources in grants, scholarships, loans and student employment to provide full funding to the level of need for every qualified and worthy applicant. Let us encourage every Free Will Baptist high school graduate to visit Mount Olive College before he (or she) makes a final decision on his college plans.

On Saturday, November 10, beginning at 10:00 A.M., we will have our first High School Day, and we invite all high school students, their parents and church youth workers to attend. This day will be a good occasion to introduce your young people to the many advantages of attending their own church college.

Our next semester begins January 7, and new and transferring students may enter at this time.

Under our continuous admissions policy, students may enroll at Mount Olive College at any time; it is not necessary to wait until the beginning of the fall semester in late August nor the spring semester in early January. This open admissions policy is possible because of our program of individualized instruction which permits a student to move according to his own learning pace.

### **EAGLES NEST**

Plans are being made for a full summer in 1974 of youth camps and spiritual life retreats for laymen and ministers. This valuable 50-acre site with a beautiful five-acre lake located seven miles from Mount Olive



is ideal for church groups, scouts and others who wish an opportunity to renew their spiritual life and to enjoy the beauty of God's creation.

### **ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM**

An extensive and intensive advancement program is being developed that will both improve and broaden the educational services of the College to its students and the Free Will Baptist church. Participating in the preparation of this program are members of the College administration, faculty, trustees, alumni, representatives of the Free Will Baptist Church and community leaders. Part of the program will include construction of a College Union (food services, bookstore, and other student services) and a Physical Education Center which will enable the College to complete its transfer to the new campus.

### **FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

We thank all our friends who helped to make 1972-73 the best year ever in terms of financial support. Private and church gifts and commitments of all kinds and for all purposes totaled \$941,000.

The 1973-74 operating budget of the College is \$1,082,451 of which 53% is scheduled to come from student sources, 20% from endowment, grants and miscellaneous income, and 27% (\$282,700) from private and church gifts.

The goal for Free Will Baptists is \$113,000 exclusive of chapel and special gifts, and challenges in this amount have been given to our churches.

### **VISIT MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE**

Individuals and church groups are cordially invited to visit the College at any time. Administrative Offices are open Monday - Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and a receptionist is on duty Saturdays from 8:00 A.M. until noon. The College, however, will be happy to set up individual appointments and arrange tours at other times with advance notice. Persons or groups who wish to visit at times when the offices are not open may contact the Reverend David C. Hansley (Phone 658-2502).

Listed below is a report of gifts received during 1972-73.

Barnes Hill, \$470; Black Jack Grove, \$5; Branch Chapel, \$470; Calvary, \$234; Elwood Lane, \$100; Everett's Chapel, \$738; Flood's Chapel, \$156; Fremont Chapel, \$283; Free Union, \$470; Friendship, \$659; Holly Springs, \$258; Kenly, \$410; Little Rock, \$1,648; Living Waters, --; Marsh Swamp, \$1,978; Memorial Chapel, \$78; Micro, \$560; Milbournie, \$444; Mount Zion (Nash), \$333; Mount Zion (Wilson), --; New Hope, --; New Sandy Hill, \$150; Northern, --; Oak Grove, --; People's Chapel, \$311; Pine Level, \$1,016; Piney Grove, \$671; Pleasant Grove, \$2,325; Pleasant Hill, \$1,062; Pleasant Plain, \$434; Rains Cross Roads, \$2,552; Rock Springs, \$262; Rosebud, \$300; Saint Mary's (Wilson, \$1,611; Selma, \$260; Sherron Acres, \$1,090; Spring Hill, \$585; Stancil's Chapel, \$259; Stoney Creek, \$1,221; Stony Hill, \$334; Union Chapel, \$120; Union Grove, \$2,156; Unity, --; Watson's Grove, \$15; and Wilson, First, \$1,190. (Figures to nearest dollar). Total amount given (including Chapel Fund), \$27,217.65.

On motion to adopt report. Report given by Rev. Frank Harrison.

### **REPORT OF WESTERN CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

(This portion of the report excludes items passed-on during morning session).

## **PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES**

### **ARTICLE 4: Boards and Committees**

Section 1. To read thusly: "The Executive Committee shall be composed of the moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, treasurer, and one member 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 3. Board of Ordination: Changing of words, "proper authorities" to read, "conference".

Section 4. Board of Ministerial Character: To read thusly: "It shall be the duty of the Board of Ministerial Character to receive written and signed accusations, supported by adequate evidence, of unchristian conduct against any minister within the bounds of this conference. When such accusations are deemed justified by the Board, the accused shall have the right to face his accuser(s) and the Board shall investigate the matter, take appropriate action, and make any recommendation to the conference or Executive Board, thus disposing of said accusations in keeping with the Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina."

On motion to adopt constitutional changes. On motion to amend motion (amendment included in above). On motion to adopt report.

## **REPORT OF CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY, INC.**

Greetings from the Board of Stockholders of Cragmont Assembly, Inc. We take this opportunity to say "thank you" to our supporting churches, church organizations and individuals. We deeply appreciate the increasing interest and support of the North Carolina Free Will Baptists. As was said last year, we can say this has been a good year!

This year (1972-1973) a major dream has come true. The remaining debt from last year on cottages #6 and #7 was retired as of January 8, 1973. The Cragmont Board of Directors then proceeded with full speed in constructing a much needed Kitchen-Dining Hall. This unit, listed as Building #13, was ready for use the second week of June and has been used extensively this year. The total cost of the building was \$32,500. Cottage #4 was also remodeled at a cost of \$3,500. We borrowed \$20,000 from the Church Finance Association to complete the construction. This debt is still outstanding but a good portion of it will be repayed following the closing of our fiscal year, November, 30, 1973. Immediately following the payment of this debt, action will be taken as regards to the "Main Building". (At this printing, that decision has been made. The "Main Building" will be renovated. "Cragmont News", The FWB, 2/6/73).

Cragmont has experienced a Great Year. Income has been up over last year as has been attendance. The manager informs us that we have had approximately 1,600 campers, counselors and guests this year. There were five Youth Weeks, a Woman's Auxiliary Week, the Minister's Week and Family Week. In addition, numerous churches have enjoyed weekend retreats. Many of our people have dropped in for the night to see Cragmont for themselves.

The "honor roll" for those contributing \$50 or more to our \$30,000 Kitchen Fund Campaign will be posted permanently in the Dining Hall as soon as payment is completed.

We continue to urge your support in prayer, by sending your youth to Cragmont, by enjoying it yourselves and your meaningful and prayerful financial support. CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY IS THE FREE WILL BAPTIST CAMPGROUND FOR THE USE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH. LET'S SEEK TO FULLY DEVELOP THIS MINISTRY! Respectfully submitted, Willis Wilson, President, De Wayne Eakes, Publicity Secretary.

On motion to receive report as information.

## **REPORT OF BOARD OF MINISTERIAL CHARACTER**

This is the report of the Board of Ministerial Character of the Western Conference, of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina October 18, 1973.

On July 9, a letter was received from Rev. William L. Dale, Secretary of the Board of Ordination, attached was a letter from Mr. Wayne West. As a result of this letter, the Board of Ministerial Character met at the First Church, Wilson, on July 27, 1973. The meeting was opened with prayer, the subject matter was discussed, and the following recommendations were made: Mr. West was asked to consider applying through the conference of which he was a member, but if he would like to meet with the Board of Ministerial Character and Ordination, we would do so. We will abide by your decision in this matter. We expressed regret for the delay in replying to your letter.

In October, 1973, Mr. West phoned, and requested such a meeting. His request was that he meet with the Board of Ministerial Character, the Board of Ordination, the Executive Committee of this conference, along with the Board of Ordination of the Albermarle Conference.

This meeting has been set for November 3, 1973, 6:00 P.M., at the Micro Church.

(Attached to this report is Brother Dale's letter, Mr. West's letter and a copy of letter to Mr. West from the Ministerial Character Board).

On motion to receive report.

## **REPORTS OF TEMPORARY COMMITTEES**

### **REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE**

Report of the Temperance Committee to the Eighty-Seventh Annual Session of the Western Conference.

I. The following facts are pertinent at this time:

- A. Citizens of North Carolina will have an opportunity to vote on a statewide referendum on mixed beverages on November 6, 1973.
- B. Liquor is recognized by our federal government as our number one drug problem.
- C. Whiskey-at-the-wheel is involved in more than sixty percent of all highway fatalities in North Carolina.
- D. It should be recognized that if this referendum is passed we will be

opening our state to the criminal type element because of the great profit to be made in the liquor business.

E. The truth needs to be faced that with the passage of this bill it will open ten times more legal outlets for selling whiskey and with more outlets it is reasonable to assume that more whiskey will be consumed.

F. Failure to vote against or failure to vote at all on November 6, 1973, is, in a sense, voting in favor of this bill.

II. We, the temperance committee, because of the above facts make the following recommendations.

A. That our ministers and churches cooperate with the Christian Action League of North Carolina and with the local chapter in their county in an effort to defeat this statewide referendum on mixed beverages on November 6, 1973.

B. That our ministers inform their congregations and point out the evils and dangers of alcohol and denounce the efforts of the pro-liquor forces, and urge their members to work against the passage of this bill before November 6, 1973 and vote against the bill themselves on that date.

C. That our member churches make the greatest use of the following resolution: (This previous part, from State Convention report)

WHEREAS, N. C. citizens will go to the polls on November 6, 1973, to determine whether or not Liquor-by-the-Drink can be sold in N.C.;

WHEREAS, according to the Health, Education, Welfare Report of December, 1971, on ALCOHOL AND HEALTH, reveals states with by-bottle sales only, as in N. C., have a lower per capita consumption rate of liquor than states with by-bottle and by-drink sales; and in fact, N. C. is 42nd in rank in per capita consumption;

WHEREAS, greater consumption will result in more alcohol-related problems especially the number of alcoholics and according to the Rutgers University School of Alcohol Studies, N. C. ranks 47th in number of alcoholics per 100,000 population;

WHEREAS, Liquor-by-the-Drink will encourage drinking and driving when we are now told by highway experts that in the last three years at least 64% of all highway fatalities reveal the evidence of whiskey-at-the-wheel;

WHEREAS, the proposed referendum does not deal with the "brown-bagging" problem but just adds another dimension of the distribution of liquor in N. C.;

WHEREAS, tourism is growing in N. C. without liquor-by-the-drink which reveals that this matter is not needed in a state where its tourism is family oriented;

WHEREAS, Liquor-by-the-Drink is basically being promoted by those who seek to make fantastic profits off of the sale of liquor;

WHEREAS, our federal government states that liquor is our No. 1. drug problem;

WHEREAS, Liquor-by-the-Drink will mean more social pressure on young people;

WHEREAS, Liquor-by-the-Drink is just a foot in the door for open bars;

WHEREAS, Liquor-by-the-Drink will mean more crime in our community;

WHEREAS, Liquor-by-the-Drink is usually followed by efforts to legalize gambling;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_ meeting in  
(Name of Church)

conference on \_\_\_\_\_ do, hereby, express  
(Date & Place)

our opposition to LIQUOR-BY-THE-DRINK and will seek to inform our people with the truth concerning this issue, will pledge our financial support; and undergird the Christian Action League with our prayer support so that this matter will be defeated on November 6, 1973 in North Carolina. (This previous portion on separate paper, "A suggested Resolution").

We recommend, because of the seriousness of this issue of Liquor-by-the-Drink, at the time, that We endorse the stand of the State Convention in this matter (this being, first part of this report, so indicated).

Further, we urge our churches to respond to the request of the Temperance Committee of the State Convention, which are as follows:

- (1) Adoption of the Suggested Resolution (see such resolution).
- (2) Send an offering to the Temperance Committee, P. O. Box 474, Ayden, N. C. 28513, to be sent to the Christian Action League, in the name of our State Convention. Respectfully submitted, Walter Reynolds, Harold Jones, and Mrs. J. B. Godwin.

### REPORT OF MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Fay Wilhelm gave an oral report, memorializing the Rev. J. W. Pittman and all departed laymen. After a moment of silent prayer, the Rev. Paul Jenkins prayed.

On motion to receive report.

### REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Resolutions Committee submits the following report:

Resolution no. 1 - Whereas, the Northern Church has entertained this, the Eighty-seventh 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.

Resolution no. 2 - (A Suggested Resolution from Temperance Committee report).

Be it therefore resolve, that the Western Conference go on record, this date, as opposing the Liquor-by-the-Drink bill and farther be it resolved, that we do our best to defeat the referendum and encourage all to go to the polls and vote NO. Respectfully submitted, H. Paul Jenkins, Walter Turnmire, Charles Morgan, Walton Parrish and Harry Brown.

On motion to adopt report.

## REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

This is our report to the conference:

Board of Trustees: H. Paul Jenkins - 1978; Board of Ministerial Character: Edgar Benton - to fill John Swain's unexpired term - 1977, and Billy Yawn - 1978; Board of Ordination: De Wayne Eakes - 1978; Credentials Committee: Dwight Hawley - 1978; Moderator - Fred A. Rivenbark; Vice-Moderator - Royster Martin (Brother Martin, has since resigned, Executive Board replaced him with Dewey Boling); Clerk - James V. Joyner; Treasurer - Luther Bissette; Member at Large - Johnny Howell. Respectfully submitted, Nominating Committee.

On motion to adopt report and to elect these officers to these positions.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Itemized Report 1972 - 1973

Received		Paid out	
Balance on Hand	\$160.58	Secretary's Expense	\$ 66.00
Received from Churches	500.50	Treasurer's Expense	15.00
Offering - Children's Home	67.84	FWB Press - 70-71 minutes	341.06
Offering - Mount Olive Col.	44.31	Children's Home	67.84
Scholarship Fund	150.00	Mount Olive College	44.31
		Executive Board Expenses	84.10
		July 25 - Conference Minutes	304.00
Total to account for	<u>\$923.23</u>	Total paid out	<u>\$922.31</u>
Balance in Treasury			\$ .92

On motion to adopt report.

On motion that clerk write all churches not reporting or represented by letter, to please responded with same.

On motion that this the Western Conference, recommend and urge all its constituent churches that are full-time, to pay all their pastor's retirement in the Minister's Retirement Program of the N. C. State Convention of Original FWB; and that half-time churches pay one half of their pastor's retirement in the program, and that this recommendation be sent to all constituent church clerks, as well as published in The Free Will Baptist.

The Rev. Frank Ray Harrison requested transfer to Cape Fear Conference. The Rev. Ray Harrison Jr., requested membership in this conference. Brother Ray Harrison received, pending letter of transfer.

The Closing Devotions were led by Dwight Hawley, using II Timothy 4:1-8, as the basis for his devotions:



## FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

This is the final report of the Credentials Committee: Delegates 39; Ordained Ministers 31; Licensed Ministers 1; Ministers transferring from this conference 1; Ministers transferring into this conference 1; 1 minister's name dropped from this conference because he is a member of another conference; Visiting Ministers 8; Visiting Laymen 7; Churches Received 2 (Living Waters & West Hillsboro); Money Received by Conference \$719.19; Scholarship Fund \$120.00; Ministers' Salaries \$181,864.53; Given to Missions \$24,668.93; Given to Children's Home \$35,120.61; Mount Olive College \$21,139.06; Given to Cragmont \$7,684.19; Other Expenses \$213,823.01; Total Raised \$506,521.82; Given to Superannuation \$3,428.54; Given to Church Finance \$11,285.00; Churches Reporting 43 of 45; Union Meetings Reporting, -- ; Total Membership of Churches; 7,332, Sunday School Enrollment, 5,635; Total League Enrollment, 120; Baptized, 198, Received by Letter 195; Total New Members, 393; Transferred by Letter, 149; Died 76; Total Members Lost 225; Net Gain in Members 225; Enrollment in Ladies Auxiliary 950; Youth Organizations 838; Men's Organization 200; Total Value of Church Property \$2,535,845.00. Respectfully submitted, The Credentials Committee.

On motion to receive report as information.

The Congregation sang, "Blest Be the Tie". The conference extended the right hand of fellowship to the newly ordained and licensed ministers, and to the incoming minister (see Ordination Board Report).

On motion to give out-going moderator a rising vote of thanks for his untiring efforts over the past years.

On motion to leave all unfinished business in the hands of the Executive Board of Conference.

On motion to adjourn. Benediction and prayer for our sick ministers and laymen, was prayed by the Rev. Foy Futrelle.

Dewey Boling, Moderator; James V. Joynèr, Clerk.

## C O N S T I T U T I O N

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

### ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA

#### PREAMBLE:

We, the Western Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists 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, assistant moderator, clerk, treasurer, and one member 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 transaction 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 recommendations to the conference; 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 receive written and signed accusations, supported by adequate evidence, of unchristian conduct against any minister within the bounds of this conference. When such accusations are deemed justified by the Board, the accused shall have the right to face his accuser(s) and the Board shall investigate the matter and make any recommendation to the conference or Executive Board, thus disposing of said accusations in keeping with the Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

Section 5: Credentials Committee: It shall be the duty of the Credentials Committee to receive reports from each church representing to the conference; check donations enclosed to be verified and received by the treasurer; compile necessary statistics into a digest report; and recommend any church asking to be received into the conference.

Section 6: Term of Office: The Board of Trustees, Board of Ordination, Board of Ministerial Character, Board of Missions, and Credentials Committee shall be composed of five (5) members each. These members shall be so elected that the term of one member of each board will expire annually. The conference is to fill the vacancies.

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

**Section 8: Amendments or Revisions:** This article or any section thereof may be amended or revised by a two-thirds (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.

## **B Y L A W S**

**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 the conference 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.

