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OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1974-1975

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Jimmy Barfield	1975
Billy Yawn	1976
Braxton Jones	1977
Paul Jenkins	1978
C. F. Bowen	1979

BOARD OF ORDINATION

William L. Dale	1975
Raymond Jones	1976
C. F. Bowen	1977
DeWayne Eakes	1978
Clyde Cox	1979

BOARD OF MINISTERIAL CHARACTER

J. B. Godwin	1975
Foy C. Futrelle	1976
Edgar Benton	1977
Billy Yawn	1978
W. Royster Martin	1979

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

DeWayne 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
Baker, Fred, Clayton, N. C. 27520
Barfield, Jimmie L., Route 3, Kenly, N. C. 27542
Bass, Walter V., Route 2, Box 113, Pikeville, N. C. 27863
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., 1213 S. Tarboro Street, Wilson, N. C. 27893
Brown, Harry, Route 1, Box 103, Bahama, N. C. 27503
Burnette, Jack, Route 1, Middlesex, N. C. 27557
Cherry, Roland C., Box 247, Micro, N. C. 27555
Clifton, Roy T., Route 2, Box 214, Nashville, N. C. 27856
Cox, Clyde W., Route 1, Kenly, N. C. 27542
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, DeWayne, Box 275, Lucama, N. C. 27851
Edwards, Jasper, Route 3, Selma, N. C. 27576
Etheridge, C. R.,
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, Bobby L., Pikeville, N. C. 27863
Futrelle, Foy C., Route 7, Box 27, Goldsboro, N. C. 27530
Gardner, Barry L., Route 1, Box 282-C, Rocky Mount, N. C. 27801
Godwin, J. B., Route 2, Selma, N. C. 27576
Greene, George L., Route 3, Box 334, 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
Hargis, Lloyd F., Fremont, N. C. 27880
Harrison, Ray Jr., Route 2, Box 340, Grifton, N. C. 28530
Hawley, Dwight D., Route 2, Box 536, Dudley, N. C. 28333
Hinnant, R. N., Box 712, Denham Springs, La., 70726
Hodges, Jimmy A., Route 1, Concord, N. C. 28025
Hoke, David, 205 West Hill Ave., Hillsborough, N. C. 27278
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, Est Avenue Subdivision, Dillman, Quezon City, Philippines
Jones, Raymond, 300 Fleet Street, New Bern, N. C. 28560

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 2, Box 317-A, Pink Hill, N. C. 28572
 Minchew, Earl, Route 1, Kenly, N. C. 27542
 Minchew, H. M., Route 1, Kenly, N. C. 27542
 Moore, R. L., Clayton, N. C. 27520
 Morgan, Charles, Route 1, Bailey, N. C. 27807
 Parrish, Walton E., Route 2, Kenly, N. C. 27542
 Poythress, W. L., 215 Dewey Street, Wilson, N. C. 27893
 Rivenbark, Fred A., Route 2, Patetown Road, Goldsboro, N. C. 27530
 Rollins, Robert, Route 1, Bailey, N. C. 27807
 Scott, Howard, Route 3, Kenly, N. C. 27542
 Shook, Boyd L., 508 N. Pollock Street, Selma, N. C. 27576
 Skinner, J. Douglas, 411 Dewey Street, Wilson, N. C. 27893
 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., Route 1, Box 5, 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

Carter, Howard B.,
 Crumpler, Larry J.,
 Gray, Raymond C. Jr., Route 2, Goldsboro, N. C. 27530
 Hawley, Leslie, Route 3, Kenly, N. C. 27542
 Jones, David,
 Matthews, Stan,
 Scarborough, Edwin J.,
 Turner, Ashley,

VISITING MINISTERS

Cape Fear Conference - Lloyd Hargis, Frank Ray Harrison and Melvin Moore
 Central Conference - R. P. Harris, James Lupton and E. C. Morris
 Albemarle - Robert Rollins
 Eastern - Clyde Cox and David C. Hansley

CHURCHES, COUNTIES, AND PASTORS FOR 1974-75

Cabarrus County

Elwood Lane - H. Paul Jenkins

Durham County

Northern - Harry Brown

Sherron Acres - Harold M. Wallace

Unity -

Johnston County

Branch Chapel - Luby C. Tyner

Everett's Chapel - Billy R. Yawn

Friendship - Jack Burnette

Holly Springs - W. Royster Martin

Kenly - James V. Joyner

Micro - Roland C. Cherry

Pine Level -

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 - Barry L. Gardner

Free Union - Lester Duncan

Memorial Chapel -

Mount Zion - Roy Clifton

Rock Springs - Luther Bisette

Stony Hill - Raymond Sasser

Union Chapel - Walton E. Parrish

Orange County

West Hillsborough - Grayson Spencer

Wayne County

Black Jack Grove - Charles Sugg

Fremont Chapel - Lloyd Hargis

Living Waters -

Pleasant Grove - James Lupton

Pleasant Hill - Dwight Hawley

Spring Hill - William L. Dale

Stoney Creek - Fred A. Rivenbark

Union Grove - Bobby L. Futrette

Wilson County

Calvary - Dewey C. Boling
First, Wilson - Johnny Bullman
Little Rock - DeWayne Eakes
Marsh Swamp - Adrian Grubbs
Milbournie - Harry Grubbs
Mount Zion - J. B. Godwin
New Sandy Hill - Robert Rollins
Oak Grove - George L. Greene
People's Chapel - Delmas J. Brown
Rosebud - J. Douglas Skinner
Saint Mary's - Leslie Hawley
Watson Grove - Jimmie L. Barfield

First Union Meeting - James V. Joyner, Moderator
Second Union Meeting - Clinton Morgan, Moderator

CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

Cabarrus County

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

Durham County

Northern - Rose Boyd, Route 8, Box 418, Durham, N. C. 27704
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 - Tommy Evans, Route 1, 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
Trinity - Betty J. Hargis, 805 Iris Street, Clayton, N. C. 27520

Nash County

Barnes Hill - Mrs. Norma Bozelle, Box 583, W. Tarboro Rd., 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. Laura Bisette, 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 Hillsborough -

Wayne County

Black Jack Grove - Hubert Barnes, Route 6, Goldsboro, N. C. 27530
Fremont Chapel - 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 - Mrs. Margie Pittman, 401 North Avenue, Wilson, N. C. 27893
First, Wilson - Mrs. Barbara Wilson, 1907 Crescent Drive, Wilson, N. C. 27893
Little Rock - Willis R. Holland, P. O. Box 164, Lucama, N. C. 27851
Marsh Swamp - Janet S. Nichols, 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 - Mrs. Patricia Gardner, 515 Grove Street, Wilson, N. C.
People's Chapel - Mrs. Betrie Winstead, Route 2, Box 414, Elm City, N. C.
27822
Rosebud - Mrs. Joan Crabtree, P. O. Box 6, Elm City, N. C. 27822
Saint Mary's - Mrs. Edith Kirby, Route 1, Box 329, Lucama, N. C. 27851
Watson's Grove - Mrs. Aileen Barfield, Route 3, Kenly, N. C. 27542

First Union Meeting - Rev. C. F. Bowen, 1213 S. Tarboro Street, Wilson, N. C.
27830

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

PROCEEDINGS

The eighty-eighth annual session of the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with the New Sandy Hill church, Bailey, North Carolina, October 17, 1974.

The conference was called to order by the clerk. The moderator introduced the Rev. Douglas Skinner to lead the devotions. The congregation sang, "We All Get to Heaven." Mr. Skinner used Mark 16:15 as the basis for his remarks. He closed his devotions with prayer. The host pastor, Rev. Robert Rollins, gave a hearty welcome; Rev. Harry Brown, responded to the welcome.

ROLL CALL OF MINISTERS

Ministers present were: Jimmie Barfield, Edgar Benton, Luther Bissette, C. F. Bowen, Harry Brown, Roland Cherry, William Dale, Milton Davis, Lester Duncan, DeWayne Eakes, Graham Faucette, Frankie Flowers, Foy Futrelle, J. B. Godwin, George Greene, Adrian Grubbs, Dwight Hawley, David Hoke, Paul Jenkins, Raymond Jones, Billy Jordan, James Joyner, L. S. Joyner, Royster Martin, Earl Minchew, H. M. Minchew, Charles Morgan, Walton Parrish, W. L. Poythress, Fred Rivenbark, Boyd Shook, Douglas Skinner, Preston Smith, Charles Sugg, Walter Turnmire, Harold Wallace, Ray Wells, Billy Yawn, Ray Harrison, Bobby Futrelle and Roy Clifton.

At the roll call of churches, 42 of 45 churches reported (with delegates or letter), or forwarded letter at later date. Last year, 43 of 45 reported. Both union meetings were represented, with one sending letter.

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

The clerk shared a letter from the Rev. R. N. Hinnant, expressing his regrets at not being able to attend and his best wishes for a very spiritual conference.

The moderator gave his remarks, using Psalm 133, as his scripture. He challenged the conference to exert its influence according to God's will and purpose.

The "Good News Quartet," from the Sherron Acres church, Durham, sang and blessed the hearts of all.

The moderator then appointed the following committees: Nominating - Raymond Jones, Billy Jordan, Leslie Hawley, L. S. Joyner and W. L. Poythress; Resolutions - Charles Morgan, Preston Smith, Harry Brown and Ray Wells; Memorial - Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser, Paul Jenkins, Charles Sugg; Temperance - Roy Clifton, Frankie Flowers and Adrian Grubbs.

PARTIAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

A partial report of the Credentials Committee was given: 65 delegates registered, 46 ministers, nine visiting ministers attending today.

We so move that we recognize the delegates and ministers of this conference as having voting privileges and welcome the visiting ministers to this conference. Respectfully submitted, Credentials Committee.

On motion to accept this report.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

The Board met on November 3, 1973, with the Ministerial Character Committee and Ordination Board. (The report of the meeting is a part of the Ministerial Character Committee's report.)

The Board had a brief meeting at Micro church and considered Rev. Royster Martin's letter of resignation as vice moderator. On motion to accept letter of resignation, with deep regret. On motion to elect Rev. Dewey Boling to fill unexpired term of Brother Martin. On motion to recap the Western Conference minutes in most practical way and reproduce. (Press later gave price comparable to 1971 price, so they reproduced 1973 minutes.) On motion to adjourn. Prayer by Brother Luther Bisette.

The Board met on March 30, 1974, at the Fremont Chapel church, with Brother Sam Weeks, superintendent of the Children's Home. Subject: air conditioning one of the cottages at the Home. Cost: \$4,800.00 with possible \$200.00 needed for wiring. On motion that the churches, of this conference strive to raise \$5,000.00 toward air conditioning the Deans Cottage, on this 1974 Mother's Day. On motion to receive invitation of New Sandy Hill church, for 1974 session. Clerk to send letters of acceptance to pastor and church clerk. On motion to adjourn. Prayer.

The Board met with the (new) Trinity church, at the Clayton Youth Center, on May 5, 1974. On motion that the Western Conference accept the petition of Trinity church to become a member of this conference.

The Board met, this same evening, at the home of the Rev. Dewey Boling, in Clayton. On motion that the Executive Board approve the Rev. Melvin Moore, as pastor of Trinity church; the Rev. Wayne King, as pastor of Living Waters church and clear the Rev. James Lupton as pastor of Pleasant Grove, if not already cleared. On motion that clerk note on letters to church clerks, that all checks be made-out to the Western Conference, and designated as to how amount should be allotted. On motion that mileage go to 15 cents per mile, effective NEXT meeting. On motion to adjourn. Prayer by Brother Johnny Howell. Respectfully submitted, Executive Committee.

REPORT OF THE CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Church Finance Association, Inc. has been serving Free Will Baptists since 1940. It is owned and operated for and by FWB of North Carolina. All profits are used for the needs of our people.

God has blessed our Association since it was founded in 1940. We thank Him for it. We would like to express our appreciation to each person who has supported our work with his prayers, funds, time; and we are glad for those who have used our services.

Loans made as of August 1, 1974 total \$114,000. Total loans, April 20, 1940 were \$1,203,507.73.

Two new endowment funds have been established by the Aspen Grove and Hickory Grove churches in memory of deceased church members for the

benefit of the FWB Children's Home. Will your church consider doing this? We will be glad to help any church or any person establish an endowment for any of our enterprises.

The Church Finance Association is helping our people; and in order to serve better, we need your help. We need more funds to meet loans requested. We are paying 5½ percent for funds on deposit. Memberships can be purchased for \$25. Will you let some of your money work for the Lord in helping our people?

For information write: The Church Finance Association, Inc., Drawer 336, Pinetops, North Carolina 27864; or phone the Rev. Hubert Burress, (919) 827-4139 (residence), or 827-5402 (office). Respectfully submitted, S. A. Smith, President and Hubert Burress, Secretary-Treasurer.

On Motion to receive report.

The moderator recognized the Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Morris. It was noted that Brother Morris was ordained to the gospel ministry sixty (60) years ago today. The moderator shared some vital statistics of the service rendered by this great soldier of the cross, they are: 60 years as of October 17, 1974; read the Bible through 66 times; sermons preached 8,683; special messages 229; revivals held 271; baptized 653; members received 1,616; churches served 44; marriages 106; funerals conducted 221; miles traveled 171,552; traveling expenses \$34,995.03; received for service \$117,060.68; gave in tithes and offerings \$12,827.55; traveled in 36 states and 14 foreign countries; visited two mission fields (Cuba & India); preached in both fields; baptized one on India; toured the Holy Land (1954); assisted in organizing 12 churches; pastored in five N. C. conferences, in Texas, Georgia and Florida; held revivals in 13 states; preached in 18 states and blessed the hearts of many, many individuals. The conference then greeted the Rev. and Mrs. Morris.

On motion that Rev. Rivenbark's report on Brother Morris be included in this year's minutes.

REPORT OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

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 way you 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.

CHILDREN: As of June 30th, there were 71 children on our rolls. Three of the 71 are in college this school year. During the past year, there have been thirteen children admitted and twelve were discharged, resulting in an increased membership of one.

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.

RELIGIOUS PROGRAM: The Religious Program of the Home is planned to meet the spiritual 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. We are having Sunday School and church services each Sunday. Memorial Chapel is a member in good standing of the Western Conference. Church membership has increased by fifteen members during the past year.

FARM PROGRAM: The farm was operated for the fourth 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.

FUTURE CHALLENGES - FIVE AVENUES OF SUPPORT

1. **General Funds:** A letter was sent to each church asking each to include "\$6.50 per member per year" into their 1974-75 church budget. Also, an article was printed in the **FREE WILL BAPTIST** requesting the same. If each church will respond to this request, then there will be adequate monies to meet the operational costs of the Home. Every possible effort has been, and will continue to be, made to reduce the operational costs of the Home.
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:** The months of May and November are reserved by the State Convention as Children's Home months and each church should respond by taking up special love offerings. Also, a special love offering is taken for the Home at the State Convention each year. At the last session our offering exceeded \$17,000.00. This year, we are planning to hold the annual Thanksgiving Services at the Home. This will be an all-day occasion and will be held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 1974. This will be an occasion for our Free Will Baptists to present their gifts to the Home, not just money, but any item which they would like to contribute. We are hoping that many ladies have canned food items this summer and will bring them to us on Thanksgiving Day.
4. **Memorial Gifts:** We have Memorial Gift envelopes available for anyone 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. **Wills or Bequests:** Persons may name the Children's Home as a beneficiary on their wills or on their insurance policy. Interested persons should contact the Superintendent for detailed information and assistance.

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.

On motion to receive report.

Listed below is a report of gifts to the Home during 1973-74: Barnes Hill, \$820; Black Jack Grove, \$241; Branch Chapel, \$1,177; Calvary, \$1,630; Eastwood Chapel, \$115; Elwood Lane, \$1,148; Everett's Chapel, \$2,052; Flood's Chapel \$162; Free Union, \$436; Fremont, \$757; Friendship, \$1,237; Holly Springs, \$599; Kenly, \$295; Little Rock, \$1,680; Living Waters, \$811; Marsh Swamp, \$1,634; Memorial Chapel, \$1,024; Micro, \$652; Milbournie, \$1,232; Mt. Zion (Nash), \$1,094; Mt. Zion (Wilson), \$250; New Sandy Hill, \$723; Northern, \$300; Oak Grove, \$232; People's Chapel, \$1,348; Pine Level, \$4,234; Piney Grove, \$918; Pleasant Grove, \$1,939; Pleasant Hill, \$1,212; Pleasant Plain, \$793; Rains Crossroads, \$785; Rock Springs, \$158; Rosebud, \$446; Selma, \$360; Sherron Acres, \$1,530; Spring Hill, \$593; Stoney Creek, \$1,235; Stony Hill, \$378; Stancil's Chapel, \$1,038; St. Mary's, \$1,863; Union Chapel, \$824; Union Grove, \$1,325; Unity, \$223; Watson's Grove, \$100; First, Wilson, \$4,250; 1st Union, \$315; 2nd Union, \$246; 1st S. S. Conv., \$50; 2nd S. S. Conv., \$76; Dist. Aux. Conv., \$228 and Dist. YFA, \$20.00—(These figures rounded to nearest dollar.) Total amount given, \$45,786.37 compared to 1972-73, \$43,972.89.

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary - 1951-1976

MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE REPORTS TO THE ANNUAL CONFERENCES

Fall, 1974

What Mount Olive College Is Doing For Free Will Baptists

Mount Olive College does not exist for itself but rather to serve. Our primary mission is to serve the Free Will Baptist Church and to assist our churches in advancing the cause of Jesus Christ. To fulfill this mission:

1. Mount Olive College provides educational opportunity for Free Will Baptists. Through a broad program of scholarships, loans and parttime employment, every qualified student can be assisted up to the level of his need.
2. Mount Olive College places first emphasis upon being a Christian College. It is not enough to simply get students into a college—what is more important is what happens to them after they get there. Mount Olive College believes that the most important thing in the life of any person is his relationship with God.
3. Mount Olive College provides an educational experience that is based on the development of students as persons. A student is not just a learner—he is a child of God who needs to grow spiritually and emotionally as well as intellectually.
4. Mount Olive College provides an education of high quality and reputation. Christian education must be good education for God does not call people to do inferior work for Him. Mount Olive is a fully accredited College whose work is recognized and accepted throughout the Nation and the world.
5. Mount Olive College provides educational preparation for ministers and church leaders. Approximately ten percent of our students are preparing

for the ministry, missions or other church-related vocations. We ask for your prayers that more of our young people will accept God's call to a specific Christian ministry.

6. Mount Olive College provides distinctive services to Free Will Baptists, including pulpit supply, facilities for denominational meetings, counseling services through the office of the Chaplain, Eagles Nest Conference Center for spiritual life retreats and Christian recreation. Students and personnel are available to visit churches with programs of music and testimony, teach Sunday School classes, conduct worship services and provide other appropriate services.
7. Mount Olive College helps provide identity and recognition for Free Will Baptists. Mount Olive is the voice of our church among the 2,300 colleges and universities of the Nation and in many ways is helping to preserve our denominational heritage. The Free Will Baptist Historical Collection is perhaps the greatest single source of information on Free Will Baptists to be found in the world. In our history, Free Will Baptists have had many bad and embarrassing experiences, but Mount Olive College is one of the good things that has happened to us. Perhaps one layman spoke for all of us when he said: "MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE MAKES ME PROUD TO BE A FREE WILL BAPTIST."

What Free Will Baptists Can Do for Mount Olive College

The most distinctive feature of Mount Olive College is its relationship with the Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, and to strengthen and develop the College is one of the most important investments our church can make. Here are six ways in which the College specifically needs your support and cooperation.

1. Enrollment: Encourage your children and the young people of your church to attend Mount Olive College. This year our enrollment is 308; our goal for 1975 is 350 and by 1976 our goal is 400 students. We must have this number to seriously consider becoming a senior college. We encourage you to: (a) send the College the names and addresses of your high school students, (b) bring your students to the College for High School Day on Saturday, November 9, (c) participate in the Church-College Scholarship Program. It is worth \$500 annually to the student: \$250 from the church and \$250 from the College, and (d) plan a visitation day to the College for your entire church.
2. Financial Support: The operating budget of Mount Olive College for 1974-75 is \$1,290,000, and of this amount Free Will Baptists are asked to contribute \$125,000 (approximately ten percent). In addition, \$25,000 is needed to complete the Chapel project.
Through its Twenty-fifth Anniversary Program the College is also seeking funds for debt retirement and future development, including construction of a Physical Education Education and Health Center and a College Union. An anniversary goal of \$2.5 million by the end of 1976 has been approved by the State Convention.
3. Attend the College Dinner for Your County: These annual dinners are designed to give Free Will Baptists an opportunity to make gifts to the

Listed below is a report of gifts to Foreign Missions during 1973-74: Barnes Hill, \$330; Black Jack Grove, \$155; Branch Chapel, \$193; Calvary, \$275; Elwood Lane, \$40; Everett's Chapel, \$1,292; First, Wilson, \$2,072; Flood's Chapel, \$262; Free Union, \$248; Fremont, \$925; Friendship, \$227; Holly Springs, \$132; Kenly, \$516; Little Rock, \$598; Living Waters, \$2,083; Marsh Swamp, \$727; Memorial Chapel, -0-; Micro, \$284; Milbournie, \$638; Mt. Zion (Nash), \$328; Mt. Zion (Wilson), -0-; New Sandy Hill, \$4; Northern, \$20; Oak Grove, \$372; People's Chapel, \$586; Pine Level, \$735; Piney Grove, \$544; Pleasant Grove, \$2,581; Pleasant Hill, \$528; Pleasant Plain, \$228; Rains Crossroads, \$270; Rock Springs, \$39; Rosebud, \$155; St. Mary's, \$596; Selma, \$350; Sherron Acres, \$3,105; Spring Hill, \$655; Stancil's Chapel, \$65; Stoney Creek, \$2,346; Stony Hill, \$58; Union Chapel, \$12; Union Grove, \$1,026; Unity, \$321; Watson's Grove, \$44; Youth Fellowship, \$17; First Union, \$400; 1st Western S. S. Conv., \$50; Auxiliary Conv., \$206 and from Individuals, \$505.00. Amount given 1973-74-\$27,143.03. (Church gifts rounded to nearest dollar.)

The Rev. Robert May, President of the State Convention brought greetings. He challenged each of us to give greater support to our State Convention and its entire program.

The Rev. Walter Reynolds gave a report on PROPOSED RETIREMENT HOMES FOR FREE WILL BAPTIST. (This report is a part of the State Convention minutes, and therefore, is not reproduced here. See State Convention minutes for THIS report.)

The Conference then considered the recommendation from the State Convention regarding the ratification of this proposal. Recommendation reads as follows: "We, the Children's Home Board of Trustees and the Superannuation Board, jointly recommend that the State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, establish by Constitutional amendment, a retirement homes, non-profit corporation and a board of trustees to become effective January 1, 1975 as indicated in this written report (as noted above); but contingent upon ratification by conferences representing a majority of the members of our denomination."

On motion to ratify this proposal.

Brother Reynolds, also, shared with the conference the following (also from the State Convention): "Whereas, we are duplicating ourselves in the printing of our annual Minutes and are using some of the Lord's money unnecessarily, and

Whereas, the cost of printing continues to increase, and

Whereas, our Free Will Baptist people need some general information not now available, therefore

Be it resolved that instead of annual Minutes, we seek the cooperation of all Free Will Baptist Conventions, Conferences, and Associations in the printing of an annual Free Will Baptist Year Book.

Be it further resolved that the Year Book include a church directory; minutes of the annual State Convention with the annual reports of the institutions, boards, commissions and committees; the necessary minutes of the annual Conventions, Conferences and Associations; and a calendar of denominational activities.

Be it further resolved that we seek the cooperation of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc. in the publication of this annual Free Will Baptist Year Book.

Be it further resolved that we request the annual Conferences and Associations to make available to their member churches two or more copies at a reasonable cost to the Conference and-or Association and that the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc. make additional copies available at a reasonable cost to all Free Will Baptists.

On motion to ratify this resolution.

REPORT OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

Greetings from the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptist Home Mission and Church Extension Department.

First, we wish to thank God and His supporters for the great step forward that has been made in His Home Missions work. There have been four more home missions points added to our list for support within the past year: they are West Hillsborough, Eastwood Mission of Fayetteville, N. C., the Charlotte Mission and the Faith Mission at Leland, N. C. This gives us a total of six home missions including the Henderson Mission and the Hope Mills Mission that were established the year before.

The record shows that our contributions have been \$23,993.54 during the past fiscal year and we are indeed grateful; however, there are many ministers and churches who appear to have done nothing to support this work. The record will show that we have not failed to keep our progress and needs before the people.

There are many details that will have to be worked out as we establish a set of rules to govern us, but for the time being, we are mostly dealing with problems as they arise. As for financial support to the home mission points, we are leaning toward the support of the missionaries and leaving the purchasing of property to the missions except in cases where we are needed to assist in obtaining loans.

We know without a doubt, that Home Missions is a part of our Lord's Great Commission and that it is the given responsibility of every Free Will Baptist to support the cause for missions at home as well as abroad.

We appeal to all Free Will Baptists for your continued prayers and financial support. We are indeed thankful for the progress that has been shown through those of you who have faith in God and this program.

Because of the lack of funds, we have not paid administrators and most of our missionaries are paid for their expenses only.

We feel that Home Missions deserve a rightful and equal place among our other Free Will Baptist Enterprises so; we appeal to this body for the adoption of this report which included the 1974-75 budget of \$75,000.00.

Respectfully submitted by, this Board.

On motion to receive report as information.

REPORT OF BOARD OF ORDINATION

Report to the conference in session, October 17, 1974.

The Board met in regular meetings on February 1, June 7, September 19, and

October 14, 1974.

Ordination Services were held June 10 and August 4, 1974.

Brother Melvin Moore requested transfer of membership from the Cape Fear Conference. Approved pending letter from Cape Fear Conference.

The following were examined and approved for license: Barry Lynn Gardner, Barnes Hill Church; Leslie Hawley, First Church, Wilson; Fred Baker, Everett's Chapel Church; Ashley Turner, Everett's Chapel Church; Larry J. Crumpler, Pleasant Grove Church; Howard B. Carter, Everett's Chapel Church; Edwin J. Scarborough, Stoney Creek Church.

Recommend that they be extended the right hand of fellowship and that their names be added to the list of licentiates with the exception of Barry Lynn Gardner and Fred Baker.

Brother Noble Crumpler was ordained October 21, 1973.

The following were examined for ordination and were ordained: Bobby L. Futrelle and Howard F. Scott.

Recommend that they be extended the right hand of fellowship and that their names be added to the list of Ordained Ministers.

The following were examined for ordination and are to be ordained: Charles L. Renfrow, Fred Baker and Barry Lynn Gardner (Charles L. Renfrow to be ordained Oct. 18, 1974, at Lucama; Fred Baker, Nov. 15, 1974, Everett's Chapel; and Barry L. Gardner, Dec. 6, 1974, Barnes Hill Church.)

Recommended that they be given the right hand of fellowship and that their names be added to the roll of Ordained Ministers as they are ordained.

To receive the following, pending letter: Clyde Cox and Jack Burnette, from the Eastern Conference and Lloyd Hargis, from the Cape Fear Conference. These, too, along with Robert Rollins (whose letter had been received) were extended the right hand of fellowship into the conference.

The following recommendation is offered by the Board: "That members of the Board be reimbursed for all expenses incurred by fulfilling the obligation of the Board to the Conference. This is to include all travel and incidental expenses such as postage, printing, mimeographing, urgent telephone calls, etc."

Respectfully submitted by your Board of Ordination.

On motion to adopt this report.

REPORT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS FOUNDATION, INC.,

This year was the beginning of our second century of service to the Free Will Baptist denomination. Although we have had many difficulties, it still has been a good year for the Press Foundation. In the midst of inflationary times, we have been able to operate in the black. Price increases have become a way of life, but we have been able to keep our prices comparatively reasonable.

We are grateful for your support and prayers, and we hope that you will continue to support this institution. This is our institution, and we can be proud of its accomplishments.

The Press Foundation renders great and valuable service to our denomination, and to the world in general. There are some services now being rendered of which, perhaps, you are not aware. Even though many of our Free

Will Baptist people subscribe to the Free Will Baptist paper, this facet of the work is a service to our church, because we do not derive sufficient income from subscriptions to defray the expenses of this publication. However, we believe that the information from our institutions and churches needs to be made available to our people; and, through THE FREE WILL BAPTIST, this is possible.

Some of our Sunday School and Free Will Baptist League material, because of the small volume, does not bring in enough compensation to defray the expense involved in securing and processing such. Again, we believe that these are needful and that our churches should not be denied Free Will Baptist material simply because our denomination is small. We are ready and willing to provide this service—even at a sacrifice. Your loyalty and encouragement will help make it possible for us to continue. There are many other areas and many other possibilities for service, and we are eager to serve you in all capacities.

We continue to 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 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, league, 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.

REPORT OF BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION

We are grateful for your prayers and support for the work of the Board of Superannuation (July 1, 1973-June 30, 1974).

We need more funds to increase every phase of our Superannuation 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. Can we afford to cut our giving to this phase of our denominational program? As you will note, our religious contributions were some less this fiscal year than they were the preceding year; however, the interest of our ministers seems to be increasing, and more and more are participating in one or more phases of the program. While this is good, it increases our financial obligation; and thus, we turn to and call upon all Free Will Baptists to be generous in their giving.

While you are assisting your pastor so he can participate in the Superannuation program, you should also be supporting the program with your offerings.

Can we count on your prayers and financial support this year?

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 the following address: N. C. BOARD OF SUPPERANNUATION, P. O. BOX 474, AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA 28513.

Report of contributions: Barnes Hill, \$100; Black Jack Grove, \$50; Branch Chapel, \$25; Calvary, \$120; Elwood Lane, \$20; Everett's Chapel, \$86; Flood's Chapel, \$25; Free Union, \$50; Fremont, \$60; Friendship, \$100; Holly Springs, \$160; Kenly, -0-; Little Rock, \$100; Marsh Swamp, \$50; Memorial Chapel, -0-; Micro, -0-; Milbournie, \$400; Mt. Zion, (Nash), \$52; Mt. Zion, (Wilson), -0-; New Hope, -0-; New Sandy Hill, -0-; Northern, \$75; People's Chapel, \$15; Pine Level, \$250; Piney Grove, \$55; Pleasant Grove, \$175; Pleasant Hill, \$150; Pleasant Plain, -0-; Rains Cross Roads, \$125; Rock Springs, -0-; Rosebud, \$100; St. Mary's \$200; Selma, -0-; Sherron Acres, -0-; Spring Hill, \$100; Stancil's Chapel, \$61; Stoney Creek, -0-; Stony Hill, -0-; Union Chapel, \$107; Union Grove, \$100; Unity, -0-; Watson Grove, \$44; Wilson, First, \$150; First Western S. S. Convention, \$50; and Second Western S. S. Convention, \$61; Total contributions - \$3,215.98. Respectfully submitted, Rev. Walter Reynolds, Director-Treasurer.

On motion to receive report.

Brother DeWayne Eakes gave an oral report on CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY. He challenged all churches to increase support to this most worthy enterprise of our denomination.

On motion to receive report.

REPORT OF TEMPORARY COMMITTEES

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: We regret to report the death in February, 1974, of Rev. W. G. Boykin, who early in his ministry, was admitted to Dorothea Dix Hospital, where he remained until his departure. However, we question not God's purpose or plan for him and eternity alone will reveal the souls saved and blessed through his ministry.

Also, we would like to memorialize all departed laymen and women that God has called home during this year. May we ask you to stand for a moment of silent prayer and humble submission to His Holy Will. Prayer by Rev. Fred Rivenbark. Mrs. William Dale sang, "When They Ring Those Golden Bells," accompanied by the Rev. Clyde Cox at the piano. Respectfully submitted.

On motion to accept report.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The report is as follows: Board of Trustees - Rev. C. F. Bowen, to succeed himself; Board of Ordination - Rev. Clyde Cox - 1979; Board of Ministerial Character - Rev. W. Royster Martin - 1979; Credentials Committee - Rev. Lester Duncan - 1979. Respectfully submitted.

On motion to adopt report.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: We submit the following report: 1. Whereas, the New Sandy Hill Church has entertained this, the Eighty-eight Annual Session of the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists in such a gracious manner; (1) Therefore, be it resolved, that: we give this 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.

(2) Be it resolved that: no member be allowed to succeed himself more than

once on a standing committee. (3) Be it resolved that: a person serving on the nominating committee cannot be nominated to serve in any office. Respectfully submitted.

On motion to table indefinitely, resolution no. (3) On motion to adopt resolutions (1) and (2).

REPORT OF MINISTERIAL CHARACTER COMMITTEE

The Ministerial Character Committee met with the Executive Board and the Ordination Board in a joint meeting with the Albermarle Conference's Ordination Board, at the Micro Church, November 3, 1973.

After a summation of reasons for being there, the meeting was turned over to Mr. Wayne West. Mr. West petitioned the Western Conference for reinstatement as a minister.

On motion that the Ministerial Character Committee and the Ordination Board of the Western Conference, meet in session for the purpose of acting upon the request of Mr. West, for the purpose of determining his relationship in regard to reentering the ministry.

On motion that the Western Conference Ordination Board and Ministerial Character Committee go on record as NOT sanctioning the reinstatement of the Western Conference credentials of Mr. Wayne West.

(Rev. Royster Martin, proxy for William Dale.) B. L. Shook, Chairman, James V. Joyner, serving as appointed secretary.

On motion to adopt report.

The following is an up-to-date report regarding the above action: "The Ministerial Character Committee disavows all jurisdictional control over the discipline of Mr. Wayne West since he is not a minister facing written charges within our conference. Our position, we feel, has been properly stated in the minutes of the joint committee meeting held with the Ordination Board, November 3, 1973." (10-17-74, New Sandy Hill FWB Church, all members present.)

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE: We recommend that the Free Will Baptists of the Western Conference go on record: (1) In support of the Christian Action League, in their endeavors to stop pornography and obscene movies in the state of North Carolina. (2) In support of the 55 mph speed limit across the nation, as a sensible means of reducing highway tragedies.

We recommend that the Executive Board appoint a temperance committee prior to the conference's annual session; so that said committee will have time to present appropriate report. Respectfully submitted.

On motion to adopt report.

FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

This is the final report of the Credentials Committee: Delegates 65; Ordained Ministers 41; Licensed Ministers 2; Ministers transferring into this conference 5; Visiting Ministers 9; Money received by Conference: Annual Fee \$735.00 Scholarship Fund \$125.00; Children's Home Offering \$97.13 - Total Received \$957.13; 42 of 45 churches reported by delegate or letter; 2 of 2 Union Meetings; Condition of Churches: Enrollment 7848; Sunday School Enrollment 5676;

League Enrollment 239; Women's Auxiliary Enrollment 937; Youth Organizations Enrollment 738; Men's Organization Enrollment 193; Baptized 263; Received by Letter 163; Total New Members 426; Lost by Letter 103; Died 92; Total Lost 195; Net Gained 231; Total value of Church Property \$2,785,650.00. Respectfully submitted, Credentials Committee.

On motion to receive report.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Itemized Report 1973-74

Received	Paid Out	
Balance on Hand	\$.92 Secretary's Expense	\$56.50
Received from Churches	\$744.18 Treasurer's Expense	\$ 15.00
	Mrs. James Joyner	
	(Coping 3 yrs. minutes	45.00
	Balance on 71-72 minutes	116.76
	Kenly Printing Co.	
	(Letter Heads & envelopes)	45.03
	Executive Board Expenses	71.25
	Free Will Baptist Press	
	(72-73 minutes)	265.20
	Scholarship Funds	100.00
Total to account for	\$745.10 Total paid out	\$714.74
Balance in Treasury		\$30.36

On motion to receive report.

On motion to delete word "maximum" from instructional letter accompanying annual church letter for 1975 session.

On motion that the Western Conference accept the invitation of the Rains Cross Roads Church, Johnston County, as site for its 1975 session.

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

On motion to give a rising vote of thanks and appreciation to the Moderator for patience and superiority during this session.

The Closing Devotions were lead by the Rev. Lloyd Hargis, using Philippians 3:13, 14, as the basis for his remarks. He closed with prayer.

The Congregation sang, "God Be With You."

Benediction by the Rev. Lester Duncan.

Fred Rivenbark, 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 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.

