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**Jesus said: NO man can serve
two masters . . . St. Matt. 6:24**

*For by grace are ye saved
through faith; and that not of
yourselves: it is the gift of God:
Not of works, lest any man
should boast. . . . Eph. 2:8-9*

PREFACE

The General Conference is the "mother conference" of North Carolina Free Will Baptists. From the best sources available to us it seems to have been organized around 1748. It divided in 1886 to form two conferences. The minutes of that year read partly as follows on page 6:

"On motion, it was decided that this conference be divided into two conferences, viz; one to be called the First and the other to be called the Second conference; and was further decided that six ministers be appointed to make the line between them. The following ministers were appointed as the committee, viz: Elders R.K. Hearn, D. Davis, M. Linton, John Harrison, P.T. Lucas, and R.H. Holland.

The committee, after due deliberation, reported as follows: The Wilmington & Weldon Railroad be the dividing line, and that any church on either side have the right to be represented in either conference, and that no changes shall be made in our Book of Discipline without the concurrence of three-fourths of both Conferences."

The minutes of the "Annual Conference" for 1887 read in part as follows on page 2 and 3:

"On motion of Elder R.K. Hearn, that the entire delegation of the Western conference are invited to take seats with us.

On motion of D. Davis, that the names of the ministers and churches that belong to the Western conference be dismissed from our minutes."

The "Annual Conference" minutes for 1891 had the following heading and motion on page 3:

"Proceedings of the Eastern Conference.

"On motion, the delegates of the Western Conference and of the South Carolina Conference be invited to seats in this body."

So we conclude that the two conferences organized were the Western and Eastern Conferences.

The General Conference divided at Black Jack Church, Pitt County, North Carolina, on Saturday, November 13, 1886 and was revived at Prospect Church, Harnett County, North Carolina, November 20 1961. Consequently this session is designated the "One Hundred-Fortieth Annual Session."

Ronald Creech, Clerk

THE PREPARATORY MEETING AT GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

November 10, 1961

Forty-five ministers and visitors met at 10:00 A.M. on November 10, 1961 in Greenville, North Carolina at Respass's Bar-B-Que to discuss and seek a solution to the current problems facing the work of Free Will Baptists in Eastern North Carolina in particular.

Rev. Bobby Jackson presided. Bro. Gene Waddell preached on "Who Are The Original Free Will Baptists". The Scriptural text was Proverbs 29:2.

A decision was made to organize a conference on November 20, 1961 at Prospect Church, Dunn, North Carolina.

The names of the ministers and visitors at the meeting were as follows:

Paul Lee	Robert Edwards	Wingate Hansley
Ronald Creech	Jack Paramore	David Paramore
A.C. Morgan	Conrad Williford	Ronnie Peele
Fred Hersey	Charles Bryant	Adam Scott
Guy Owens	Luther Burns	Herman Hersey
LaRue Davis	Cecil Campbell	Lonnie Graves
Alton Hines	Billy Walker	Raymond Gaskins
Billy Morris	Frank Davenport	Johnny Floyd
Bobby Jackson	Gene Waddell	Leroy Cutler
Rolla Smith	Q.G. Worrell	Thomas H. Willey, Sr.
Carey Watkins	Galen Dunbar	Dwayne Scott
Thurman Hall	Bobby Abrams	Jerry Ballard
Gene Hales	Randy Cox	Herbert Sanders
Bill Gardner	Rashie Kennedy	Nathan Eason
Tom & Mrs. Johnson	Robert Crawford	

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MINUTES OF THE 1961 SESSION OF THE REVIVED GENERAL CONFERENCE OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA

PROCEEDINGS

Ministers, delegates and visitors gathered at Prospect Free Will Baptist Church in Harnett County on November 20, 1961, for the purpose of organizing an Original Free Will Baptist Conference committed to our historic practice of congregational church government. The host pastor, Rev. Carey Watkins, called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and acted as temporary chairman. Rev. Bobby Jackson led the congregation in singing "Faith of our Fathers" and Rev. Rashie Kennedy led the prayer.

Brother Watkins welcomed the group to Prospect Church and stated the purposes of the meeting. Rev. Eugene Waddell brought the message on the subject, "Who are the Original Free Will Baptists?" We sang "Amazing Grace."

The ministers and delegates from the Western Conference were called into a short session.

MINUTES OF THE TRUE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF THE WESTERN CONFERENCE

Rev. Bobby Jackson was elected temporary Moderator and Rev. Billy Morris was elected temporary Secretary. The following delegates were enrolled:

Edgemont - Lloyd Williford, Jack Ray

Tippett's Chapel - Kenneth Lee, L. R. Lee

Oak Grove - J.M. Medlin, Mrs. Fred Roll, Mrs. Geraldine Flowers

Fellowship - Ed Hill, Clayborne Hudson, Woodrow Bryant

Calvary - Charles Williford, Bobby Rigley

Saint's Delight - Julius Layton, Mrs. Earl Burnette, Mrs. Ralph Clegg

The following ministers were enrolled: Ralph E. Clegg, Conrad Williford, Lonnie Graves, Ronnie Peele, Q.G. Worrell, Paul Lee, Charles Bryant, Ronald Creech, Billy Morris and Bobby Jackson. Correspondence was communicated from Dan Merkh and G.C. Lee requesting membership in the proposed conference. On motion their names were added to the list of Western Conference Ministers present.

The following resolution was presented and on motion was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists has declared its present form of church government to be connectional and

Whereas, the chief clause in the STATEMENT OF FAITH AND DISCIPLINE FOR ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA - "the annual conference or association being the highest tribunal, shall have final disciplinary authority over the local church." - supporting this erroneous practice was taken from the Holiness corrupted Cape Fear Conference Discipline of 1899, which was repudiated by the Original Cape Fear Free Will Baptist Conference; and

Whereas, the ministerial credentials of one of our pastors were revoked for reasons other than those specified on the certificate, namely immoral character and unsound doctrine, and through the improper procedure of refusing to give the accused specific or authenticated charges and the names of his accusers; and

Whereas, the unprecedented interference of the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists in the internal affairs of one of our sister churches, Edgemont Church, by becoming a plaintiff in court proceedings designed to seize control of the property and award it to a small minority, constitutes a serious departure from the historic practices, customs and usages of our denomination; and

Whereas, the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists has taken action which in effect laid the groundwork for said conference to become a part of a new denomination; therefore,

Be it resolved that we, the adherents to the historic doctrines, church government, customs, practices, and usages of Original Free Will Baptists, assembled this 20th day of November, 1961, do hereby declare ourselves to be the true Original Free Will Baptists of the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists; and

Be it further resolved that we repudiate the following statement found on Page 53 of the STATEMENT OF FAITH AND DISCIPLINE FOR ORIGINAL FREE

WILL BAPTISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA —“the annual conference or association being the highest tribunal, shall have final disciplinary authority over the local church”, and

Be it further resolved that we unite with the churches and ministers who are true Original Free Will Baptists from the bounds of the Eastern Conference, Albemarle Conference, Cape Fear Conference and Central Conference; and

Be it further resolved that we declare that all those churches and ministers in company with us, adhering to the doctrines, customs, practices and usages of the true Original Free Will Baptists are in good standing; and

Be it further resolved that we declare our determination to maintain our affiliation with our denomination, namely the National Association of Original Free Will Baptists.

On motion the session of the true Original Free Will Baptists of the Western Conference was adjourned.

The ministers and delegates from the Central Conference were called into a short session.

MINUTES OF THE TRUE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Rev. Jack Paramore was elected temporary Moderator and Brother Galen Dunbar was elected temporary Clerk. The following ministers were enrolled; Robert Edwards, Adam Scott, Nathan Eason, A.C. Morgan, Rashie Kennedy, LaRue Davis, Carroll Alexander, Guy Owens, Jack Paramore and Galen Dunbar.

The following delegates were enrolled:

Mt. Calvary, Hookerton, N.C. — Tom Miller, Willie Wood, Wilton Taylor
Hope Church, Scotland Neck, N.C. — Mrs. E.W. Moore, Mrs. C.M. Flowers,
N.J. Harris
Maranatha, Greenville, N.C. — Mrs. LaRue Davis, Mrs. Earle Garris
Grifton Church — Tom Hardison, Alvis Harris

The following resolution was presented and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists in session November 8, 9, 1961, in Greenville, N.C. by unprecedented action of refusing to seat certain ministers for reasons not specified in the constitution of the Central Conference has departed from the democratic practices, customs, and usages of Original Free Will Baptists; and

Whereas, the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists in the same session endorsed the action of the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists in its unprecedented interference in the internal affairs of a local church whereby it becomes the plaintiff in court proceedings to seize control of the property and award it to a small minority; and

Whereas, the said conference adopted a resolution supporting the action and affirming the position of a group of men who signed an affidavit stating their belief in a connectional form of church government; and

Whereas, the chief clause in the STATEMENT OF FAITH AND DISCIPLINE FOR ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA supporting this practice was taken from the Holiness corrupted Cape Fear Conference Discipline of 1899 which was repudiated by the Original Cape Fear Free Will Baptist Conference. This clause is: “That the annual con-

ference or association being the highest tribunal, shall have final disciplinary authority over the local church." and

Whereas, the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists in session November 9, 1961, passed resolutions which in effect laid the groundwork for said conference to become a part of a new denomination, therefore,

Be it resolved that we, the delegates who are representing churches and ministers who are adherents to the historic doctrines, customs, practices, and usages of Original Free Will Baptists assembled this 20th day of November, 1961, do hereby declare ourselves to be the true Original Free Will Baptists of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists.

Be it further resolved that we repudiate the following statement found on Page 53 in the STATEMENT OF FAITH AND DISCIPLINE FOR ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA which is: "The annual conference or association being the highest tribunal, shall have final disciplinary authority over the local church."

Be it resolved that we unite with the churches and ministers who are true Original Free Will Baptists from the bounds of the Eastern, Western, Albemarle and Cape Fear Conferences.

Be it resolved that we declare our determination to maintain our affiliation with our denomination, The National Association of Original Free Will Baptists.

Be it further resolved that we declare all those churches and ministers in company with us adhering to doctrines, customs, practices and usages of the true Original Free Will Baptists to be in good standing.

On motion the session of the true Original Free Will Baptists of the Central Conference adjourned.

The ministers and delegates from the Cape Fear Conference were called into a short session.

MINUTES OF THE TRUE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF THE CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE

Rev. Carey Watkins was elected temporary Moderator and Rev. Herman L. Hersey was elected temporary Secretary. The following delegates were enrolled:

Garner - James Faircloth, Mrs. Mary Howell, H.C. Price

Raleigh - J.D. Ballance, W.H. Davis, Vester Benson

Community Chapel - E.W. Giles, W.B. Turlington

Prospect - J.C. Ennis, Fred Parker, C.B. Denning

The following ministers were enrolled: R. Eugene Waddell, Billy Walker, C. H. Coates, Frank Davenport, Herman L. Hersey, and Carey Watkins. Requests were received from Brothers Fred Hersey and Lonnie Cayton that they be enrolled. On motion Fred Hersey and Lonnie Cayton were enrolled as ministers. On motion Wingate Hansley was enrolled as a minister.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, the Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists was originally organized by the Discipline prior to 1899 which contains the

following statement, "Independence of Churches, etc." page 36, "Each local church is a distinct and independent organization with full authority to manage its own internal affairs, elect its officers, receive, dismiss, discipline and exclude members. But this principle of the independence of each church is not held as a law of isolation: on the contrary, churches conveniently situated associate and co-operate in all things which tend to advance the common cause. Councils are, therefore, called in the organization of a church, ordination of a minister, and the settlement of serious difficulties. On the same principles, the churches meet by delegation in the Annual Conference, etc. But to these Conferences are granted no judicial or appellate powers conflicting with the independence of the local churches." THE FREEWILL BAPTIST FAITH TO WHICH IS ADDED THE PRACTICE OF CAPE FEAR FREEWILL BAPTIST CONFERENCE by J.W. Lucas, Goldsboro, N.C., Baptist Review Job. Print, 1833; and

Whereas, the revision of the Discipline, FAITH AND PRACTICE OF THE CAPE FEAR FREEWILL BAPTIST CONFERENCE, revised 1899, corrupted the original doctrine regarding church government in that the last paragraph under, "Independence of Churches, etc." quoted above was changed to read, "The Annual Conference being the highest tribunal shall have final jurisdiction over the local churches" - page 34: and

Whereas, the revised Discipline, FAITH AND PRACTICES OF THE CAPE FEAR FREE-WILL BAPTIST CONFERENCE, 1899, also corrupted the original doctrine regarding sanctification as set forth in the Discipline prior to 1899 in that the following definition was given and added to sanctification, "it is obtained by faith and is subsequent to regeneration." - page 17; and

Whereas, the following churches on January 12, 1912, Shady Grove, Bethel, Bizzell's Grove, Robert's Grove, Lee's Chapel, Oak Grove, Dalys Chapel, St. Mary's Grove, St. Paul, Goldsboro, St. John and Prospect reconvened as the Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists and repudiated the corrupt revised Discipline of 1899 and re-enacted and re-adopted the original faith of the founding fathers as promulgated in the first Cape Fear Freewill Baptist Conference of 1855 as set forth in the Discipline prior to 1899, and is recorded in the Discipline, THE FREE WILL BAPTIST FAITH TO WHICH IS ADDED THE PRACTICE OF CAPE FEAR FREEWILL BAPTIST CONFERENCE by J.W. Lucas, Goldsboro, N.C., Baptist Review Job Print., 1883; and

Whereas, the State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina in 1916, in adopting their first discipline, used the corrupt discipline of 1899 of The Cape Fear Free-Will Baptist Conference in that they copied the church government revision, "The Annual Conference being the highest tribunal shall have final jurisdiction over the local churches," page 37, CHURCH DISCIPLINE OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST, revised 1916. And subsequent revisions of the North Carolina STATEMENT OF FAITH AND DISCIPLINE FOR ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST have continued to use this statement adopted from the religious group now known as the Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Holiness movement; and

Whereas, the Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists in session at Lee's Chapel Church November 2, 3, 1961, repudiated the faith and practice of our founding fathers of 1855 and of that re-enacted and re-adopted in the reconvened session on January 12, 1912 and as set forth

in the Discipline prior to 1899 when, after Moderator L.R. Ennis very carefully read in his opening statement the section under "Independence of Churches etc." page 36, of THE FREEWILL BAPTIST FAITH TO WHICH IS ADDED THE PRACTICE OF CAPE FEAR FREEWILL BAPTIST CONFERENCE, by J.W. Lucas, Goldsboro, N.C., Baptist Review Job Print. 1883, and tendered his resignation with the understanding that as the Conference voted they endorsed and declared themselves as adhering to a connectional form of government that assigned final authority and sovereignty over the local churches to the Conference; The Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists declared themselves "Connectional Free Will Baptists" by majority vote of sixty-five to seventeen, November 2, 1961; and

Whereas, the Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists did repudiate the faith and practices of Original Free Will Baptists prior to 1899 by adopting a resolution endorsing the usurped authority of the Western Conference relating to the application of conference authority over the local churches; and

Whereas, the Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists did further repudiate the faith and practices of Original Free Will Baptists of the Cape Fear Conference prior to 1899 by adopting a resolution that the churches that have adopted forms of government contrary to the STATEMENT OF FAITH AND DISCIPLINE FOR ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS of North Carolina be declared out of fellowship with this conference until such time as they bring themselves back in line with said discipline; and

Whereas, the Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists did further repudiate the faith and practices of the Cape Fear Conference of Freewill Baptists prior to 1899 by adopting a resolution that the ministers who have led their churches in these violations be silenced until such time as they bring themselves back in line with the statement of faith and discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina; and

Whereas, about the year 1834 Prospect Free Will Baptist Church was organized as a Free Will Baptist Church; and

Whereas, Prospect Original Free Will Baptist Church participated in the organization of the First Cape Fear Freewill Baptist Conference in the year 1855 under the doctrine as set forth in the Discipline prior to 1899 and as recorded in THE FREEWILL BAPTIST FAITH TO WHICH IS ADDED THE PRACTICES OF CAPE FEAR FREEWILL BAPTIST CONFERENCE by J.W. Lucas, Goldsboro, N.C. Baptist Review Job Print., 1883; and

Whereas, Prospect Original Free Will Baptist Church participated in the special session of the Cape Fear Free Will Baptist Conference on January 12, 1912 at Shady Grove Church in Sampson County and joined the following churches — Shady Grove, Bethel, Bizzel's Grove, Robert's Grove, Lee's Chapel, Oak Grove, Daly's Chapel, St. Mary's Grove, St. Paul, Goldsboro and St. John — in perfecting a permanent organization to the end that the original faith of our fathers, as promulgated in the first conference of 1855, might be re-enacted and re-adopted; and

Whereas, "Prospect Church in Conference January 27, 1912, Brother D. R. Ennis in chair. By motion a vote was taken to decide whether the Church wanted to adopt the old Discipline as adopted prior to 1899. The Church unanimously adopted the old Discipline." D.R. Ennis Moderator, R. M.

Parker, Clerk. Page 89, PROSPECT CHURCH CONFERENCE MINUTES;
and

Whereas, Prospect Original Free Will Baptist Church in Conference September 30, 1961, by unanimous vote, adopted the following statement and recommendations:

STATEMENT

For the past few months there has been some question among Original Free Will Baptists in regards to church government.

Therefore, be it resolved that Prospect Original Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Dunn, Harnett County, North Carolina, officially re-affirms its position relative to church government.

That Prospect Free Will Baptist Church believes now, as it always has believed, in the independence of the local church, holding that the local church, is an independent body, so far as it relates to its own government, the transaction of its business, the choice of its officers, and the discipline of its members, and these rights cannot be denied the local church by any other organization within or without the denomination.

That Prospect Free Will Baptist Church has every right to hold and retain title to all property owned by it. That the board of trustees is invested with authority from the church to make proper and legal transactions, subject to the will and order of the majority of the church, and they shall be the custodians of such documents. That Prospect Free Will Baptist Church will not under any circumstance surrender these rights to any other organization.

That Prospect Free Will Baptist Church has the right to employ any Free Will Baptist minister as pastor, who is in good standing with the denomination regardless of his place of residence. It is understood that this right cannot properly be denied by any subsequent action of a quarterly meeting, yearly meeting, district association, national association, or any other group. It is further understood that the pastor of Prospect Free Will Baptist Church shall, upon ninety-day notice, terminate his services upon request by a majority vote of members in good standing of Prospect Free Will Baptist Church.

Prospect Free Will Baptist Church recognizes and believes in the value of coming together with other Free Will Baptist Churches for the purpose of mutual fellowship and endeavor and the establishing of proper organizations for the unifying of our purposes and accomplishing the goal of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ to every creature. However, Prospect Free Will Baptist Church is unalterably opposed to any organizational machinery within our denomination at any level which makes subjects of those who associate with it, invests undue authority in the hands of a few, and consequently throttles the democratic processes of church government and majority rule of the local congregation.

Be it known that to withdraw fellowship is the only form of discipline which may be brought against Prospect Free Will Baptist Church by any conference or association, district or quarterly meeting, State Convention, National Association, or any other body in any instance, situation, or practice since the final disposition of any matter within Prospect Free Will Baptist Church must be decided by majority vote of the members of Prospect Free Will Baptist Church.

Therefore, Prospect Free Will Baptist Church does emphatically declare that as evidenced by its more than one-hundred year history and by inherent and scriptural rights as an autonomous, self-governing body, and that Prospect Free Will Baptist Church does steadfastly refuse and deny any and all judiciary authority of any body or group outside the bounds of the congregation of Prospect Free Will Baptist Church. That under no circumstances will Prospect Free Will Baptist Church relinquish its right to govern itself by the will and vote of the majority of its members.

Let it be understood that this statement in no way implies that it is the intention or desire of Prospect Free Will Baptist Church to sever its relations with other Original Free Will Baptists, but rather that Prospect Free Will Baptist Church intends to retain its identity as an Original Free Will Baptist Church. Neither does this statement imply that pastor is to become in any way a dictator over Prospect Free Will Baptist Church, but rather that the pastor and the majority of the Membership are under God to lead the church in all Christian endeavor; always respecting and considering the sentiments of the minority.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. It is recommended by the Board of Deacons and the Pastor that Prospect Church adopt the foregoing statement in order to spell out and define its exact position relative to its church government and in order to eliminate confusion because of various interpretations or Original Free Will Baptist government.

2. It is recommended by the Board of Deacons and the Pastor that the delegates elected to the annual Cape Fear Conference meeting be instructed to cast their vote in accordance with the principles set forth in this statement relative to the church government of Prospect Original Free Will Baptist Church and that all delegates hereafter elected to any and all conferences, associations and conventions cast their vote on the basis that Prospect Church believes in the historic practice that the final voice and work of authority is vested in the membership of the congregation at Prospect Church.

3. It is recommended that since constitutional provisions are made that Prospect Original Free Will Baptist Church maintain an affiliation with the National Association of Free Will Baptists of America and its worldwide missionary ministry.

4. That on the basis of the adoption of the above recommendations and because Carey Watkins cannot submit himself to become a member of this new religious denomination the leaders of the State Convention of North Carolina Free Will Baptists are purporting to form on the basis of a lawyer's interpretation of certain articles in the STATEMENT OF FAITH AND DISCIPLINE OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS FOR NORTH CAROLINA, and because Carey Watkins is in faith, doctrine, and practice an Original Free Will Baptist, that Prospect Church give a vote of confidence to and retain Carey Watkins as pastor of Prospect Original Free Will Baptist Church.

Therefore, the Pastor and Congregation of Prospect Original Free Will Baptist Church, Harnett County, N.C. request and invite all ministers and churches of the Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists who desire to maintain an affiliation with the National Association

of Free Will Baptists of America and who believe in and adhere to and defend the faith and practices of Original Free Will Baptists as set forth in the Discipline prior to 1899 as recorded in THE FREE WILL BAPTIST FAITH TO WHICH IS ADDED THE PRACTICE OF CAPE FEAR FREEWILL BAPTIST CONFERENCE, by J.W. Lucas, Goldsboro, N.C., Baptist Review Job Print., 1883, to sit with us in a session of the true Original Free Will Baptists of the Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists to the end that the original faith of our fathers, as promulgated in the first Conference of 1855, may be re-enacted and re-adopted.

Therefore, resolved that we the true Original Free Will Baptists of the Cape Fear Conference, hereby endorse the above resolution and join with Prospect Church in declaring that we are the true Original Free Will Baptists of the Cape Fear Conference; and

Be it further resolved that we declare that all those churches and ministers in company with us, adhering to the doctrines, customs, practices and usages of the true Original Free Will Baptists are in good standing; and

Be it further resolved that we, the true Original Free Will Baptists of the Cape Fear Conference, unite with the true Original Free Will Baptists of the Western, Eastern, Albemarle and Central Conferences in forming a Conference committed to our historic practice of congregational church government as practiced prior to the Discipline of 1899.

On motion the true Original Free Will Baptists of the Cape Fear Conference adjourned.

Brother J.D. Ballance dismissed the congregation with prayer for the noon recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION

We reconvened at 1:30 P.M. with the singing of "There's Within My Heart a Melody" and prayer by Rev. Wingate Hansley. Rev. Frank Davenport brought the devotions.

Rev. Bobby Jackson presented the following proposal which was unanimously adopted.

We, the undersigned, having a burden to maintain our historic congregational church government among Original Free Will Baptists, present this proposal to the delegates and ministers who have come to this meeting for the purpose of organizing a conference committed to our historic practice of congregational church government and desiring to maintain affiliation with our denomination — the National Association of Free Will Baptists. Therefore we respectfully propose the following:

1. That we elect a temporary chairman over this meeting today.
2. That we elect a temporary secretary.
3. That we ask permission of the body to present a series of proposed resolutions for consideration of the body. We present these with the understanding that any or all of them may be amended or rejected by the body.

(The following ministers signed: Bobby Jackson, Herman L. Hersey, Carey D. Watkins, Jr. R. Eugene Waddell, Q.G. Worrell, Sr., W. A. Hansley, Rashie Kennedy, Guy F. Owens, Nathan Eason, Lonnie Graves, Carroll Alexander, LaRue Davis, Paul Lee, Luther Burns, Ronnie Peele, Charles Bryant, Ronald Creech, Billy B. Walker, Adam Scott, Frank Davenport,

Robert L. Edwards, Conrad Williford, E. Eugene Hales and Thomas K. Johnson)

Rev. Rashie Kennedy was elected temporary Chairman and Rev. Herman L. Hersey was elected temporary Secretary. On motion the series of proposed resolutions are to be presented one at a time.

On motion the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS the true Original Free Will Baptists from the Western Conference in session this the 20th day of November, 1961 adopted the following resolution: (see pages 3-4) and

WHEREAS the true Original Free Will Baptists from the Central Conference in session this the 20th day of November, 1961 adopted the following resolution: (see pages 4-5) and

WHEREAS the true Original Free Will Baptists from the Cape Fear Conference in session this the 20th day of November, 1961 adopted the following resolution: (see pages 5-14) therefore be it resolved

THAT we declare that we, the adherents to the historic doctrines, practices, customs, usages and church government of the Original Free Will Baptists, assembled together on this 20th day of November, 1961, are the true Original Free Will Baptists from the bounds of the Central, Western, Eastern, Albemarle and Cape Fear Conferences of Original Free Will Baptists; be it further resolved

THAT we endorse the above quoted resolutions adopted by the true Original Free Will Baptists from the Western, Central and Cape Fear Conferences; be it further resolved

THAT we recognize and seat the delegates who were sent by their local churches to this meeting for the purpose of organizing an Original Free Will Baptist Conference committed to our historic practice of congregational church government and desiring to maintain affiliation with our denomination — the National Association of Free Will Baptists; be it further resolved

THAT we recognize and seat all ministers requesting this privilege who have been ordained as Original Free Will Baptist Ministers, and who are committed to our historic practice of congregational church government and desire to maintain affiliation with our denomination — the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

On motion the following delegates and ministers were recognized and seated:

Brookwood Church, Fayetteville— Mrs. Fred Kirby and Mrs. Tom Johnson
St. Paul, Elizabeth City — James Armstrong, Fred Armstrong and Ollie Lamb

Joy Church, Tarboro — Melvin Williamson, Ronald Williamson and Mrs. Glen Abrams

Ministers: David Paramore, Eugene Hales, Luther Burns and Thomas K. Johnson

On motion the following resolution was unanimously adopted after AN ABSTRACT OF THE FORMER ARTICLES OF FAITH CONFESSED BY THE ORIGINAL BAPTIST CHURCH, HOLDING THE DOCTRINE OF GENERAL PROVISION, WITH A PROPER CODE OF DISCIPLINE FOR THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF THE CHURCH of 1812 and as revised in 1835 was read.

WHEREAS the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists was the "Mother Conference" of the present Central, Eastern, Western, and Albemarle Conferences; and

WHEREAS the true Original Free Will Baptists of the Cape Fear Conference have historically operated on the same general principles as the General Conference; and

WHEREAS this General Conference when it divided in 1886 was operating under AN ABSTRACT OF THE FORMER ARTICLES OF FAITH CONFESSED BY THE ORIGINAL BAPTIST CHURCH, HOLDING THE DOCTRINE OF GENERAL PROVISION, WITH A PROPER CODE OF DISCIPLINE FOR THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF THE CHURCH of 1812 and as revised in 1835; therefore be it resolved

THAT we declare ourselves assembled together on this 20th day of November, 1961 to be the 1961 session of the revived General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, and shall be henceforth known as the "General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina"; be it further resolved

THAT we, the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, adopt AN ABSTRACT OF THE FORMER ARTICLES OF FAITH CONFESSED BY THE ORIGINAL BAPTIST CHURCH, HOLDING THE DOCTRINE OF GENERAL PROVISION, WITH A PROPER CODE OF DISCIPLINE FOR THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF THE CHURCH OF 1812 and as revised in 1835.

On Motion the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS the true Original Free Will Baptists of the Western, Central and Cape Fear Conferences have ratified the credentials of the following ministers: Ralph E. Clegg, Conrad Williford, Lonnie Graves, Ronnie Peele, Q.G. Worrell, Paul Lee, Charles Bryant, Ronald Creech, Billy Morris, Bobby Jackson, Dan Merkh, G.C. Lee, Robert Edwards, Adam Scott, Nathan Eason, A.C. Morgan, Rashie Kennedy, LaRue Davis, Carroll Alexander, Guy Cwens, Jack Paramore, Galen Dunbar, R. Eugene Waddell, Billy Walker, C.H. Coates, Frank Davenport, Herman L. Hersey, Carey Watkins, Fred Hersey, Lonnie Cayton and Wingate Hansley; and

WHEREAS we acknowledge the local church as the final authority; therefore be it resolved

THAT we ratify the credentials of the ministers listed in the first preamble of this resolution and any other true Original Free Will Baptist minister who adheres to the doctrines, practices and usages of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, and who is in good standing with his local church.

On Motion the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

RESOLVED that member churches of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina may adopt in addition to AN ABSTRACT OF THE FORMER ARTICLES OF FAITH CONFESSED BY THE ORIGINAL BAPTIST CHURCH, HOLDING THE DOCTRINE OF GENERAL PROVISION, WITH A PROPER CODE OF DISCIPLINE FOR THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF THE CHURCH any other supplementary Discipline or Treatise not in basic conflict with this ABSTRACT OF THE FORMER ARTICLES.

On motion the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS the National Association of Original Free Will Baptists, during its 1961 session at Norfolk, Virginia, asked the State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina "to repudiate any and all forms of connectional church government and reaffirm its position in our historic and established form of congregational church government"; and

WHEREAS the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists, during its 1961 session at Mt. Olive, N. C., refused to comply with the above mentioned request of the National Association; therefore be it resolved

THAT we, the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, hereby comply with the request of the National Association and hereby repudiate any and all forms of connectional church government wherever it may be found among Free Will Baptists and do hereby reaffirm our belief in congregational church government.

On motion the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS the STATEMENT OF FAITH AND DISCIPLINE FOR ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA on page 53, 1955 revision, contains the following, "The Annual Conference or Association being the highest tribunal, shall have final disciplinary authority over the local church"; and

WHEREAS this statement with slight variation has existed in the Discipline of the North Carolina State Convention since its first Discipline in 1916 where it read, "The Annual Conference being the highest tribunal shall have final jurisdiction over the local churches"; and

WHEREAS this statement came from a corrupted holiness discipline of the Cape Fear Conference, 1899 revision, which was repudiated by the reorganized Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists on January 12, 1912; therefore be it resolved

That we hereby repudiate the above quoted statement found on page 53 of THE STATEMENT OF FAITH AND DISCIPLINE FOR ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

On motion the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS the Cape Fear Conference was organized in 1855 and operated under a discipline entitled THE FREEWILL BAPTIST FAITH TO WHICH IS ADDED THE PRACTICE OF THE CAPE FEAR FREEWILL BAPTIST CONFERENCE: and

WHEREAS this discipline on page 36, 1883 printing, contains the following under "Independence of Churches" "Each local church is a distinct and independent organization with full authority to manage its own internal affairs, elect its officers, receive, dismiss, discipline and exclude members. But this principle of the independence of each church is not held as a law of isolation; on the contrary, churches conveniently situated associate and co-operate in all things which tend to advance the common cause. Councils are, therefore, called in the organization of a church, ordination of a minister, and the settlement of serious difficulties. On the same principles, the churches meet by delegation in the annual Conference, etc. But to these Conferences are granted no judicial or appellate powers conflicting with the independence of the local churches"; and

WHEREAS a revision of this discipline of 1899, corrupted with holiness doctrines, changed the last sentence to read: "The annual Conference being the highest tribunal shall have final jurisdiction over the local churches"; and

WHEREAS the original Free Will Baptists of the Cape Fear Conference in session on January 12, 1912, re-organized the Cape Fear Conference and adopted the discipline prior to the 1899 corrupted version; and

WHEREAS the Cape Fear Conference through its history, except for the holiness deflection, has operated according to the principles contained in the 1883 printing regarding "Independence of Churches"; and

WHEREAS this statement clearly states the position of congregational church government relating to the relationship of a local church to a conference; and

WHEREAS this statement is in harmony with AN ABSTRACT OF THE FORMER ARTICLES OF 1812; therefore be it resolved

THAT we adopt the paragraphs on "Independence of Churches" quoted above from the 1883 printing and pledge that this is our official position regarding the relationship of this General Conference to all affiliated churches.

On motion the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

RESOLVED that we, the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina take whatever steps necessary to maintain our affiliation with our denomination — the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

On motion the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

RESOLVED that a Secretary-Treasurer be elected to act as Promotional Secretary whose duties it will be to act as our official spokesman and to distribute educational and promotional material as funds are available; be it further resolved

THAT we elect a temporary Membership Committee consisting of the Secretary-Treasurer and four others to receive ministers and churches under the watchcare of our Conference until the next session. It is understood that this is the limit of their authority; be it further resolved

THAT we meet for fellowship and necessary business on Tuesday, January 30, 1962. It is understood that the Pastor of the host church will arrange for the sermon and will preside until a moderator is elected.

On motion it was voted that we meet with the Grace Church in Greenville. Rev. R. Eugene Waddell was elected Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. LaRue Davis, Rev. Ronald Creech, Rev. Paul Lee and Mr. Fred Parker were elected to work with the Secretary-Treasurer in the Membership Committee.

On motion we gave a rising vote of thanks to the host church and to those who prepared the program and resolutions.

An offering in the amount of \$106.99 was received.

On motion we adjourned. Rev. Carey Watkins gave the benediction.

Rashie Kennedy, Chairman
Herman L. Hersey, Secretary

**THE GENERAL CONFERENCE MEETING
AT GRACE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

Greenville, North Carolina
January 30, 1962

Rev. Rashie Kennedy, host pastor, presided.

Speakers for the day were: Bros. Raymond Gaskins, Eugene Waddell and Gordon Sebastian.

The moderator for the day was Rashie Kennedy.

Reporting to the General Conference were 13 churches, 24 delegates, and 27 preachers. Revs. G.C. Lee, Jr., and Charles Bryant were granted letters of commendation to their work in Georgia.

Bethel Church, Kinston, was received. Revs. Thurman Hall, Nathan Eason, Johnnie Eason and Bill Gardner were received. Bro. Russell W. Millard was received under Watchcare.

Letters from "Connectional" Free Will Baptist Conferences were laid aside because of the spirit in which they were written.

RESOLUTIONS BY HERMAN HERSEY ADOPTED

- RESOLVED, that we elect the following until the next session of our conference - Clerk, Treasurer, and Membership Committee. It is understood that the Clerk shall serve as promotional-secretary, and
- RESOLVED, that we meet quarterly for fellowship on the Saturday before the fifth Sunday. It is understood that the host pastor and a committee of two others shall arrange the program. Be it further resolved that these Quarterly Union Meetings be authorized to receive ministers and churches into the General Conference. It is understood that the host pastor shall preside until a moderator is elected, and
- RESOLVED, that we meet for the next session of our General Conference on Tuesday and Wednesday following the second Sunday in November, 1962 and
- RESOLVED, that we elect a committee to lay plans for the organizing of a Woman's Auxiliary Convention according to the manual of the National Woman's Auxiliary, and
- RESOLVED, that we elect a committee of five to study our organizational structure as outlined in the "Abstract of the Former Articles of Faith Confessed by the Original Baptist Church, holding the Doctrine of General Provision, with a proper Code of Discipline for the Future Government of the Church of 1812" and bring any recommendations for consideration at the next session

Rev. R. Eugene Waddell was elected clerk. Rev. Carey Watkins was elected treasurer. The following were elected to the Membership Committee to serve with the clerk and treasurer: Mr. Fred Parker, Rev. Frank Davenport, and Rev. Billy Morris.

RESOLUTION BY RONALD CREECH ADOPTED

WHEREAS, our National Association of Free Will Baptists has declared its form of government to be congregational, and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Free Will Baptists in its 1961 session at Norfolk, Virginia took cognizance of the fact that some men in North Carolina had departed from our established form of congregational church government by embracing the new doctrine of connectional church government, and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Free Will Baptists called on the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists in its next session to repudiate any and all forms of connectional church government, and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists has refused to comply with the request of the National Association of Free Will Baptists -

THEREFORE, be it resolved,

1. That this General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists vigorously oppose the seating of any person in our next session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists known to us to believe in connectional church government.
2. That we again, with more emphasis, if that be possible, repudiate any and all forms of connectional church government.

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THE FIRST UNION MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA APRIL 28, 1962, AT FELLOWSHIP FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF DURHAM

Lonnie Graves, host pastor, presided.

Speakers included Bros. Milton Worthington, Billy Morris (devotions) and Billy Melvin, Executive Secretary of the National Association.

Bro. Herman Hersey was elected moderator-for-the-day.

Rev. D.W. Alexander, veteran of over 50 years service in our denomination, made a statement and requested membership.

Revs. Lonnie Sparks and Fred Hersey, missionaries to Africa and Japan respectively, brought greetings.

Bro. Frank Davenport announced that on May 8, all ministers and laymen are to meet at Edgemont Free Will Baptist Church in Durham for the purpose of discussing the subject of organizing a State Convention to be affiliated with the National Association.

Union Grove Church, Durham County and Corinth Church, Sampson County were received. Revs. D.W. Alexander, Eddie Corn, Russell Millard and

Richard Ambrose were received as ordained ministers. Bros. Jerry Brantham and L.D. Creech, Jr. were received as licensed preachers.

St. Paul Church, Elizabeth City, was dropped at their own request.

Brother Waddell expressed his thanks to the Conference for the prayers, flowers, and gifts sent to him and his wife.

Brother Eugene Waddell gave a report about the promotional work of the General Conference. He suggested that the Conference send out a bi-weekly paper to Free Will Baptists stating who Original Free Will Baptists are and what they believe to correct the false impressions that have been given to Free Will Baptists in North Carolina.

An announcement was made by the Rev. R. Eugene Waddell about two pieces of literature which the Conference churches might be interested in obtaining. The literature was "Who are the Connectional Free Will Baptists?" by Carey Watkins and "An Abstract of the Former Articles."

The Membership Committee placed a question before the Conference, "Shall we receive ministers as members of our General Conference who have two living wives?"

A motion was made that this Conference does not accept any minister who has two living wives nor a minister whose wife has two living husbands. Moved and seconded that this motion be tabled til the next annual conference.

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MINUTES OF THE CALLED SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE CONVENING AT THE MT. CALVARY ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

IN HOOKERTON ON JUNE 4, 1962

Rev. Gordon Sebastian, host pastor, presided.

The speaker was Rev. Cecil Campbell, moderator of the Coastal Association. Rev. Frank Davenport was elected moderator for the day.

The following churches were received: Faith, Goldsboro - West Calvary, Smithfield - and Conservative, Rocky Mount.

The following preachers were received: Revs. Gordon Sebastian, J.V. Johnson, and Galen Dunbar.

A motion that we join other Original Free Will Baptists in North Carolina and form a State Association to be affiliated with the National Association was carried.

A motion that we send two representatives to serve on a Steering Committee to take the lead in organizing this state-wide body was carried. Brother D.W. Alexander was nominated but declined because of his health and the distance to travel to the meeting. Those elected were the Rev. Robert Edwards and the Rev. R. Eugene Waddell.

The following delegates were elected to represent the General Conference at the organizational meeting of the State Association while in session in Raleigh, June 26: Miss Patricia Bland, Mrs. E.W. Moore, Mr. Tom Miller, Lloyd Williford.

A motion was carried that we submit the following recommendation to the new State Association: that Brother Robert Fleming of Goldsboro serve as a delegate to the National Association which convenes in Nashville, July 10, and that Brother Lloyd Williford of Durham be the alternate.

The group sang "happy birthday" to Rev. J.E. Wooten of Ayden, one of the many distinguished visitors at the session.

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MINUTES OF THE SECOND UNION MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA

ELIZABETH CITY CHURCH (at L.S. Sheep School) JULY 28, 1962

Rev. Paul Lee, host pastor, presided.

Speakers were Bros. Ronnie Peele, Galen Dunbar (devotions) and Benito Rodriguez, a Cuban pastor now working with the Cuban Refugee Center in Miami. Rev. Robert Edwards was elected moderator for the day.

The following churches were received: Grace, Greenville - Antioch, near Goldsboro - First, Smithfield - Fellowship, Micro - and Elizabeth City.

The following preachers were received: ORDAINED - Rev. Bernard M. Duke, Henry C. Hagans, James Denton, L.R. Ennis. LICENSED - Bros. James (Buck) Duke, Glenn Hill, Maylon Brooks Phelps. WATCHCARE - Bros. James McLendon and James Armstrong.

Rev. Eugene Waddell resigned as clerk since he was elected Director of Information for the North Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists.

Bro Ronald Creech was elected by the Conference to the office of Clerk.

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MINUTES OF THE THIRD UNION MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

FAITH CHURCH, GOLDSBORO - SEPTEMBER 29, 1962

Bro. Frank Davenport, host pastor, presided.

Speakers for the day included Bros. L.D. Creech, Jr. (devotions), Lee Whaley, and Daniel J. Merkh.

Bro. Herman Hersey was elected moderator for the day.

Churches received were: Peace, Wilson - Parker's Chapel, Greenville - Unity, Smithfield - and Hope, Plymouth.

Preachers received were: Revs. Don R. Pegram, Bill McClintock, Johnny Eason, Milton Worthington, Wayne Smith, J.A. Branch, and Mack Humbles.

The following recommendation by the membership committee was adopted:

We recommend that licensed ministers who are in College be eligible to be enrolled as members upon personal written application and recommendation by his church without having to appear in person before the membership committee.

Bro. Frank Davenport raised \$145.00 per week for 13 weeks in pledges to keep the Fayetteville Church open.

Bro. Eugene Waddell, 106 St. Mary's Street, Garner, North Carolina was elected as our historian.

Bro Eugene Waddell spoke concerning the new state paper "THE FREE WILL BAPTIST WITNESS".

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**MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED-FORTIETH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE
GENERAL CONFERENCE OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
OF NORTH CAROLINA**

GARNER CHURCH

NOVEMBER 13, 14, 1962

PROCEEDINGS

The General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina met at the Garner Church, Garner, North Carolina on November 13, 14, 1962.

The morning session opened at 10:00 A.M. with Rev. Conrad Williford leading the song service using hymns "I am Resolved" and "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." The welcome was given by Mr. Silas Williams on behalf of host pastor Waddell.

The morning devotions were given by Rev. Milton Worthington. He used John 15. He pointed out three "P's" because of our relationship as "branches" with Jesus the "Vine". (1) Pruning, (2) Persecution, and (3) Personal Service. It was an excellent devotional, pungently delivered. Many amens! We were led in prayer by Bro. Worthington.

The morning message was given by Rev. Eugene Waddell using Acts 6 and speaking on the subject "The Majority Shall Carry the Point" taken from the earliest treatise known to Original Free Will Baptists, The Former Articles of 1812.

He pointed out the trustworthiness and ability of lay folks to act for themselves. He said other Baptist groups were interested in autonomy today too. He mentioned the battle over autonomy in the State Baptist Convention Meeting in Raleigh today. He said that Original Free Will Baptists knew only "The majority shall carry the point" idea of church government until the 1899 "reversal" (instead of revision) of the Cape Fear Conference holiness corrupted discipline brought forth "The Annual Conference

being the highest Tribunal shall have final jurisdiction over the local church" idea of church government. Prior to the holiness corrupted "reversal" of 1899, he said, the treatise read "But to these Conferences are granted no judicial or appellate powers conflicting with the independence of the local churches." He pointed out that the Cape Fear Conference repudiated their "reversal" in 1912 which resulted in a split in the Conference, lawsuits over church property and the beginning of the Pentecostal Free Will Baptist movement which we know today.

He further stated that the North Carolina State Convention ADOPTED this "reversal" in 1916 and that there is where our trouble came from.

Bro. Waddell's message was well delivered and very well documented.

During the business session, Rev. L.R. Ennis was elected moderator for the day. He gave apt and appropriate words to the body upon his election.

The moderator recognized visiting Free Will Baptists. They included:

Rev. Jimmy Aldridge, South Carolina Conference (missionary appointee to Africa)

Rev. J.D. Liles, moderator of the Rockfish Conference

Rev. R.L. Clark, Rockfish Conference

Rev. Dave Franks, Jasper Association, Alabama, (Missionary to Brazil)

Rev. Bill Robinson, pastor of Shady Grove Church, Durham, N.C.

OTHERS NOT FREE WILL BAPTISTS:

Rev. Carl Taylor, New Tribes Mission, Brazil

At this time the moderator asked for the presentation of any historical documents and the acknowledgements of greetings from various individuals and other bodies. The clerk proceeded to present to the Conference historian, Bro. Waddell, the following documents:

1. A photocopy of the famous CONFESSION OF 1660 presented to King Charles II.
2. A photocopy of the only known copy of AN ABSTRACT OF THE FORMER ARTICLES OF FAITH CONCESSSED BY THE ORIGINAL BAPTIST CHURCH HOLDING THE DOCTRINE OF GENERAL PROVISION WITH A PROPER CODE OF DISCIPLINE FOR THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF THE CHURCH"
3. Photocopies of ancient minutes of the General Conference for the years 1845, 1857 and 1886.
4. An original printed copy of the minutes of the Annual Conference of 1894.
5. Copies of the minutes of the Union Conference for the years of 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1896, 1897 and 1898 given by Mrs. T.E. Beamon.

The moderator then recognized Rev. D.W. Alexander who presented to the historian an original printed copy of the minutes of the General Conference for the year 1851.

We were then led in "He Lives" by Rev. Johnny Eason. Rev. Bill Gardner sang "I'm Justified".

Rev. Frank Davenport presented the speaker, Rev. Guy Owens, who was preaching a revival in Davenport's Church.

Bro. Owens spoke on the subject "Compassion Makes a Difference" using Matthew 9:34-38. and Jude 22.

He said compassion is "sorrow or pity excited by the distress or misfortunes of another." He pointed out that compassion will make a difference in:

1. Our standard of Christian living
2. Our praying
3. Our giving
 - a. of ourselves
 - b. of our substance
4. Our preaching
5. Our witnessing

Bro. Owen's message demonstrated the compassion about which he spoke.

We were then led in prayer by Bro. Owens.

During lunch, we enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship. The hospitality of the Garner church was tops. "How blessed for brethren to dwell together in unity."

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Rev. LaRue Davis led us in singing "He Keeps Me Singing". Rev. Luther Burns brought a good devotion from Luke 5. Prayer by Bro. Burns. The moderator led us in singing "Trust and Obey."

The moderator recognized Bro. Wayne Smith, moderator of the State Association for greetings from that body. He brought good news especially about Home Missions and the orphanagework. He revealed that a 325 acre farm had been given the Association on which to build an orphanage.

The Membership Committee report was given by Bro. Billy Morris as follows:

1. Churches recommended for membership:
 - a. Gum Swamp - Pitt County
 - b. Liberty - Pitt County
 - c. Ahoskie - Hertford County
2. Preachers recommended for membership:
 - a. Ordained
 1. Ed Hill
 2. Johnny Vernelson
 3. Chester Phillips
 4. Raymond Gaskins
 5. Albert Rollins
 6. Charles Hales
 - b. licensed
 1. Gerald Owens
 2. Ernest Bowen
 3. Ashley Garris
3. Letters of transfer recommended for:
 - a. Rashie Kennedy - to Texas
 - b. Carroll Alexander - to South Carolina
4. We recommend that Bethel church and pastor be accorded fraternal relationship with our Conference.

On motion of Bro. Herman Hersey, the report of the Membership Committee was received and every item adopted.

The right hand of fellowship was extended to the delegates from these churches and to the preachers.

Greetings were acknowledged by the clerk from other bodies and individuals as follows:

1. THE GOVERNOR OF NORTH CAROLINA
2. THE BAPTIST UNION OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND
3. THE GENERAL DIRECTOR OF HOME MISSIONS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
4. THE MODERATOR OF THE MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION
5. THE GENERAL DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
6. THE MODERATOR OF THE NORTHEAST MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION
7. THE MODERATOR OF THE ROCK FISH CONFERENCE OF NORTH CAROLINA
8. THE EDITOR OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST WITNESS
9. THE MODERATOR OF THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION OF TENNESSEE
10. THE MODERATOR OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

A report was given by Bro. Eugene Waddell, editor of the WITNESS, our State paper. He asked for subscriptions also and got several.

A very helpful report was given by Bro. Sam Johnson, Promotional Secretary of the National League Board.

The roll of preachers was called.

The minutes of previous meetings were read and approved.

Bro. Frank Davenport reported on the work in Fayetteville.

Bro. Rufus Coffey gave a very interesting report on World-wide missions.

Bro. D.W. Alexander requested that Bro. Bill Gardner sing "Christ Is All" at this time and that Bro. Gardner sing and Bro. Hersey play at his funeral.

Prayer by Bro. Adam Scott.

TUESDAY NIGHT MISSIONARY SERVICE

Bro. Bill Gardner led us in "Send the Light" and sang himself, "My Sins are Gone". Then he brought the devotional from Isaiah 6. He prayed and then led the congregation in singing "To The Regions Beyond".

Mrs. Jimmy Aldridge, missionary appointee to Africa, gave her testimony.

Bro. Gardner sang "He Left Heaven for Me".

Rev. Jimmy Aldridge, also appointee to Africa, spoke from Exodus 4:13-15, John 8:18, and Matthew 28:19-20.

The congregation sang "I Am Not Ashamed of the Gospel" written by Bro. Herman Hersey.

Bro. Rufus Coffey spoke concerning Free Will Baptists and World Missions. He said that it takes 60 churches or 5,000 Free Will Baptists to support one missionary on the field at our present rate of giving.

The offering was received. Bro. L.R. Ennis led in prayer. Bro. Gardner sang "The Breaking of the Bread".

Bro. Dan Merkh, missionary on furlough from Africa, spoke. He spoke of individual churches supporting individual missionaries. He said it takes 60% of the money a missionary raises to pay his expenses in raising the money.

He showed slides of his work as a missionary builder. Bro. Merkh then prayed.

We sang "Thank You Lord for Saving My Soul".

Bro. Coffey dismissed the service with prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Bro. David Paramore led us in singing "Blessed Assurance" and "Bring Them In".

Devotions by Bro. Adam Scott. He spoke from Hebrews 8:1,2.

He said our "Confessions" (Profession) centers in 3 appearances of Jesus:

1. Appearance to put away sin
2. Appearance in the presence of God
3. Appearance without sin unto salvation

He then led us in prayer.

Bro. Paramore led us in singing "Take Time To Be Holy".

Our morning message was given by Bro. Frank Davenport who spoke on "The Original Free Will Baptists - Struggle for Survival".

He asserted that there were Free Will Baptists in the state even before Paul Palmer. He dwelt on the invasion of our churches in the middle 1700s by the Particular Baptists. He touched on the split in 1853 over masonry and the split in 1912 over holiness doctrine. The present split he declared was over liberal theology and free-masonry united.

This message was well-delivered and well documented.

Bro. Galen Dunbar led us in singing "There Is A Fountain". Bro Bill Gardner sang "Amazing Grace."

The Moderator introduced the speaker for the next hour, Rev. Leroy Forlines, professor at the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. His Mother, Mrs. Leta Forlines, was requested to stand for recognition.

He spoke on "Free Will Baptist distinctives, historically viewed and Biblically defended."

He showed the early distinctives of the 1600s, and the early distinctives in America. He pointed out that the General provision of Christ's atonement was one of those basic distinctives. He said that it would be simple for God to force people to be saved but it required wisdom to allow man to have a choice in the matter. He pointed out the distinctive of the Perseverance of the Saints but said, however, that he didn't develop any ulcers over making shipwreck of faith. He praised God that we were free, as a denomination, from liberalism.

He ended his very well documented message by saying "long live Free Will Baptists." There were many amens!

The Clerk pointed out that there were in North Carolina, either officially members of our State group or in sympathy with us in our struggle for the preservation of congregational church government, the following:

Churches	231
Members	20,507
Preachers	354

Prayer by Bro. Chester Phillips.

We all enjoyed wonderful fellowship during the lunch hour.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

We sang "He's a Wonderful Savior" led by Bro. Chester Phillips. Devotions were brought by Bro. Don Pegram. He spoke powerfully for a few moments on the Great Commission.

A report on the Bible College was given by Bro. Leroy Forlines.

Bro. Rufus Coffey spoke further about Foreign Missions. He reported that Free Will Baptists now have 42 missionaries in 7 countries of the world. He said that the General Director, Bro. Reford Wilson, was going on a tour of our work in South America in March, 1963.

He mentioned Bill Phipps, who is in training as a missionary pilot. He said that the Eagletons, Miss Volena Wilson, the Hannas, and the Waids would be home on furlough next year. He then presented Bro. Ken Walker, a home missionary to Washington, D.C.

On motion of Bro. Carey Watkins the following resolution was adopted unanimously.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there is a case now pending on appeal to the North Carolina Supreme Court, to be heard November 28th involving one of our sister churches, and

WHEREAS, this case will have far reaching repercussions regarding our congregational form of church government in this state, and

WHEREAS, the State Convention has retained attorney Hubert E. Phillips of Kenansville, North Carolina, and has filed a petition with the Supreme Court signed by C.L. Patrick and C.H. Overman, asking the court to allow them to appear amicus

curiae and adopt the plaintiff's brief, and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Conference has retained attorneys R.S. Langley and Robert D. Wheeler of Grifton, North Carolina, and has filed a petition with the Supreme Court signed by Carroll B. Hansley and Ralph Lightsey, asking the court to allow them to appear amicus curiae and adopt the plaintiff's brief, and

WHEREAS, the Central Conference has retained attorney Joseph Horton of Snow Hill, North Carolina, and has filed a petition with the Supreme Court signed by Walter Reynolds, and C.H. Overman, asking the court to allow them to appear amicus curiae and adopt the plaintiff's brief, and

WHEREAS, the Cape Fear Conference has retained the law firm of Johnson, Gamble, and Hollowell of Raleigh, North Carolina, and has filed a petition with the Supreme Court signed by M.E. Godwin and Mrs. Carl Dudley, asking the Court to allow them to appear amicus curiae and adopt the plaintiff's brief, and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court may grant these petitions, and

WHEREAS, we want to be prepared in any eventuality to support the struggle for congregational church government, known from our earliest history in this state to be "the majority shall carry the point" —

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the General Conference again go on record as supporting the great principle of congregational church government and our utter disregard and repudiation of any and all forms of connectional church government.

2. That to implement this position we elect here today a committee of five to have prepared, for and on behalf of this General Conference, a petition to file a brief amicus curiae and later the brief itself in case, in their judgment, it becomes necessary.

On motion of Bro. Wayne Smith the following were elected on the committee of five:

L. R. Ennis
J.C. Ennis
Herman Hersey
Gordan Sebastian
Owen Thomas

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

As you have observed, we have received several valuable documents in this annual session. In the light of this I wish to make the following recommendations:

1. That we extend a rising vote of appreciation to Brother D.W. Alexander for the 1851 General Conference Minutes which he has given to the Conference Historical Collection on condition that should he or his son, Carroll, ever request it they will be returned.

2. That we extend a rising vote of appreciation and instruct our Clerk to write a letter of gratitude to Bro. Nick Powell for the gift of the 1884 edition of AN ABSTRACT OF THE FORMER ARTICLES OF FAITH confessed by the Original Baptist Church, holding the Doctrine of General Provision, with a Proper Code

of Discipline for the future government of the Church.

3. That we extend a rising vote of appreciation and instruct our clerk to write a letter of gratitude to Mrs. Thomas E. Beamon for several valuable minutes which she donated to us.

4. That we extend a rising vote of appreciation to Bro. Ronald Creech for his efforts in securing photographic copies of several valuable documents.

5. That this Conference award a suitable citation commemorating this Sesquicentennial celebration of the first printing of our Discipline to the following churches whose history extends into the days before the General Conference was divided in 1886:

Gum Swamp Original Free Will Baptist Church, Pitt County;
Parker's Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church, Pitt County;
Antioch Original Free Will Baptist Church, Wayne County;
St. Delight Original Free Will Baptist Church, Franklin County;
Prospect Original Free Will Baptist Church, Harnett County.

6. That we call on all our people to give all the old minutes, treatises, disciplines, and papers which they have to our General Conference Historical Collection.

7. That we authorize the Historian to rent a suitable safe-deposit box in which to store our valuable collection. (This recommendation is made in the light of the prohibitive cost of a fire-proof filing cabinet at this time.)

8. That we extend a rising vote of appreciation to Bro. C.H. Coates for the items which he is donating to the Historical Collection.

On motion of Bro. Carey Watkins, the report of the Historian, R. Eugene Waddell, was received and adopted item by item.

On motion of Bro. J.D. Ballance the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, we feel it proper and good to perpetuate the memory of useful and dedicated children of God, and

WHEREAS, one of the best ways to do so is in the Christian Education of the youth, and

WHEREAS, our Heavenly Father, in His sovereign wisdom, has taken from among us our beloved and much esteemed Sister Leah Waddell, and

WHEREAS, this sister before her home going was one of the most active women in our denomination in youth work, and

WHEREAS, many youths need assistance in going to college —

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That we recommend to our State Association that a North Carolina Student Loan Fund be established, known as the Leah Waddell Student Loan Fund.

2. That, in the light of our Conference being Leah Waddell's home conference, that our Conference lead the way, as much as is possible, in support of this fund.

3. That we recommend that our sister conferences in the State also vigorously support this fund.

The Moderator recognized the pastors and delegates from our oldest churches mentioned in the report of the Historian and pictures were taken of them.

On motion of Bro. Adam Scott the following report of the Organizational Structure Committee was adopted.

The committee on Organizational Structure requests that we be permitted to study for one (1) additional year before making recommendations.

Herman Hersey
Adam Scott
Robert Edwards

The treasurer's report was given and on motion of Bro. Adam Scott was adopted.

I. GENERAL CONFERENCE ACCOUNT

A. January 30, 1962 to April 28, 1962

Total to account for	\$268.28
Less disbursements	<u>22.51</u>
Balance Forward	\$245.77

B. April 28, 1962 to September 28, 1962

Total to account for	\$577.02
Less disbursements	<u>512.61</u>
Balance Forward	\$ 64.41

C. September 28, 1962 to November 6, 1962

Total to account for	\$291.76
Less disbursements	<u>175.42</u>
Balance Forward	\$116.34

Balance in bank November 13, 1962 \$116.34

Love Offerings and Gifts
November 13 \$347.21

Missionary Offering
Tuesday Evening 15.64

Love Offering and Gifts
November 14 44.25

TOTAL \$523.44

Received afternoon of
November 14 10.00

\$533.44

II. ACCOUNT FOR THE BROOKWOOD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.

A. October 1, 1962 to October 25, 1962

Total to Account for	\$355.24
Less disbursements	<u>130.00</u>

Balance Forward	\$225.24
B. October 25, 1962 to November 6, 1962	
Total to account for	\$354.65
Less disbursements	<u>213.18</u>
Balance Forward	\$141.47
C. November 6, 1962 to November 13, 1962	
Total to account for	\$149.47
Less disbursements	<u>65.00</u>
Balance Forward	\$ 84.47
Dan Merkh, November 14	<u>20.00</u>
Balance, November 14	\$104.47
Balance in bank November 13, 1962	\$ 84.47

(On November 6, 1962, treasurer's books balanced with bank account for General Conference at First Citizens Bank and Trust Company, Coats, North Carolina)

Carey Watkins, Treasurer

On motion of Rev. Eugene Waddell a committee of two be elected to serve with the host pastor on the Program Committee. The clerk and Billy Walker to serve with host pastor.

On motion of Bro. Carey Watkins, the report given by Bro. Thurman Hall on group insurance was received as information. The committee is to call a meeting on November 27 for all those interested in group insurance.

Bro. Frank Davenport announced a one day Bible Conference to be held December 4th in the Maranatha Church in Greenville, North Carolina.

On motion of Bro. Adam Scott, we gave a rising vote of thanks and appreciation to the Garner church and host pastor Waddell for splendid entertainment.

On motion of Bro. Galen Dunbar, a rising vote of thanks was extended to the officers who served us during the session.

On motion of the Clerk, we agreed to have our next annual session on Tuesday and Wednesday after the first Sunday in November, 1963. This is for the 1963 session only.

On motion of the Clerk, a committee was appointed to study the permanent time of meeting for our annual session. The Moderator appointed Owen Thomas, J.D. Ballance, and Frank Davenport.

On motion of Bro. Carey Watkins, we decided to print our minutes to date in one volume.

On motion of Bro. Billy Walker, we agreed that the Membership Committee assist the Clerk in condensation of the minutes for printing.

On motion of Bro. Frank Davenport, the place of the 1963 annual session be decided in our first Union Meeting in 1963.

Bro. Frank Davenport agreed to donate License Blanks to our conference, saving us the printing costs of same.

On motion of Bro. J.D. Ballance, the Conference agreed to pay the travel expense of Bro. Leroy Forlines plus a \$25 honorarium.

On motion of Bro. Carey Watkins, the Conference decided to give the Tuesday night Mission Offering to Bro. Dan Merkh.

On motion of Bro. Carey Watkins, the Clerk was authorized to have printed identification cards for our preachers, both licensed and ordained.

On motion of Bro. Adam Scott, the Membership Committee was retained and two more added. Bro. Adam Scott and Bro. Billy Walker were added.

Announcements were made about the three meetings on November 27th:

State Women's meeting

Group Insurance meeting

State Association Executive Committee meeting.

Bro. Galen Dunbar urged prayer for the Supreme Court hearing on November 28th.

On motion of Bro. Carey Watkins, Bro. Eugene Waddell was retained as our Historian.

We adjourned with prayer by Bro. Wayne Smith.

L.R. Ennis, Moderator

Ronald Creech, Clerk

CLERK'S NOTE:

In the General Conference of 1845 one of our beloved forefathers, who was Clerk at the time, had the following to say concerning that annual session:

Dear brethren, while in the discharge of the duty devolving upon me by order of the General Conference, I feel happy to say in conclusion, that during the sitting of our Conference peace and harmony seemed to prevail; for which I feel abundantly to thank our adorable Creator, hoping that God will abundantly bless our endeavors, and crown our meeting with the best of consequences. O that God may help us to love each other more fervently, and conform us more to his holy and righteous will, and strengthen us in his love, is the prayer of your brother.

Calvin Ruff, Clk.

All I can say or feel like saying is "amen" to what Brother Calvin Ruff said.

Ronald Creech, Clerk.

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Church	County	Delegates	Members Received	By Letter	By Confession	By Baptism	Members Lost	By Letter	By Death	Total Members	Love Gift
Brookwood	Cumberland	Rev. L. D. Creech								16	
Maranatha	Pitt										
Ahoskie	Hertford										
Raleigh	Wake	J. D. Ballance									10.00
Hope	Halifax	Mrs. E. W. Moore									
		Mrs. Matilda Flowers	8	4	1	3	1		1	154	10.00
Tippett's Chapel	Wake		4	4			6	6		138	10.00
Faith	Wayne		147	107	15	25	2	2		147	25.00
Unity	Johnson	Owen Thomas	14			14				155	10.00
		Clifton Johnson									
Grifton	Pitt	Mr. James Cannon									
		Mr. Isaac Mitchell	18	1	11	6	1	1		149	20.00
Edgemont	Durham	Mr. L. V. Williford								850	10.00
Fellowship	Johnson	Mrs. Willard Pittman								29	5.00
Oak Grove	Durham	Mrs. Mable Brown									
		Mrs. Lois Thomas	1	1						77	5.00
Union Grove	Durham	Rev. Edward Corn								103	10.00
Fellowship	Durham	Wade Hudgins	12	5	7		1		1	210	10.00
		J. O. Mayner									
Parker's Chapel	Pitt	J. D. Vernelson	41	11	15	15	15	15		315	10.00

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