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MINUTES
of the
Special Session
of the
State Convention of Churches
OF THE ORIGINAL
Free Will Baptists of North Carolina

held at
MOUNT OLIVE JUNIOR COLLEGE
MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA
January 31, 1958

This special session of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Churches was called by the executive committee of the convention to give attention to the needs and opportunities for Christian higher education among Free Will Baptists through the program of Christian education at Mount Olive Junior College.

MINISTERS PRESENT

Eastern Conference

J. W. Alford
E. E. Edwards
Robert M. Fader
Daniel Gaskins
J. C. Griffin
John Grimsley
W. A. Hales
Carol B. Hansley
David W. Hansley
A. L. Hines
P. D. Jenkins
F. E. Jones
Alton Mason
Billy Gene Outland
L. L. Parker
Albert M. Rollins
Leslie W. Rowe Jr.
Winston Sweeney
Lemmie Taylor
O. B. Taylor
Henry J. Van Kluyve
Lloyd Vernon
N. D. Wiggs Jr.
W. H. Willis

Albemarle Conference

J. A. Alexander
A. B. Bryan
A. B. Chandler
LaRue Davis
Ralph Osborne

Pee Dee Association

M. L. Baxley
Carey Cheshire

Piedmont Association

Seldon Bullard
William H. Calvert
Walter Carter
R. H. Jackson
Roy Rikard
Ralph Staten

Cape Fear Conference

R. W. Allman

Thomas E. Beaman
C. M. Coats
J. R. Davidson
Herman Hersey
W. H. Lancaster
Chester R. Phillips
Leonard B. Woodall
L. R. Ennis

Central Conference

Loy E. Ballard
Jerry P. Ballard
N. B. Barrow
Hubert Burress
R. B. Crawford
Frank Davenport
Melvin K. Everington
Wilbert Everton
C. J. Harris
Gordon W. Hart
Charles E. Keith
Rashie Kennedy Sr.
S. R. Kennedy
L. B. Manning
R. L. Norville
C. L. Patrick
Michael Pelt
W. B. Raper
Walter Reynolds
Adam Scott
Walter Sutton
Billy B. Walker

Western Conference

Bobby Aycock
L. H. Boykin
Julian C. Brooks
Ronald Creech
James A. Evans
Earl H. Glenn
Edmund G. Gonzales
Lonnie Graves
Herman Griffin
R. N. Hinnant
Joseph H. Ingram
Paul Jenkins

Douglas Johnson
M. L. Johnson
G. C. Joyner
W. O. Lassiter
Paul Lee
George A. Ludwig
H. M. Minchew
Ronnie Mitchell
Wilton Morris

Carl R. Osborne
Donald R. Pegram
Robert M. Rollins
Raymond T. Sasser
Herbert Waid
E. B. Williams
R. G. Woodard
Joseph C. Yates

DELEGATES—CHURCH

Albemarle Conference

Oscar Webster—Albemarle Conference
Edgar Bryan—Free Union
Willard P. Earley—Hickory Chapel
Tom West—Plymouth
Frank Daw—Sidney
Mrs. Oscar Webster—Trinity

Cape Fear Conference

Owen Thomas—Bethel
Mrs. Houston Crumple—Clinton
Mrs. Carl Dudley—Community Chapel
Percy L. Strickland—Corinth
E. E. Best—Goldsboro
Wade H. Stephenson—Hopewell
H. T. Hinson—Lee's Chapel
J. G. Warren—Oak Grove
John N. Bryant—Pleasant Grove
J. D. Ballance—Raleigh
L. P. Williford—Riverside
Henry T. Lee—Robert's Grove
Kirby West—Shady Grove
Mrs. Charles F. Simpson—Smithfield
Mrs. Ben Dawson—St. John
W. J. Langdon—St. Mary's Grove

Central Conference

Fred R. Moore—Aspen Grove
Thad Hart Jr.—Ayden
Albert H. Proctor—Central Conference
J. Clenon Daniel—Daniel's Chapel
Henry Harris Jr.—Dawson Grove
Willis B. Cobb—Dilda's Grove
Mrs. Levi Worthington—Elm Grove
Herman Spence Jr.—Faith
Walter L. Heath—Free Union

Billy Croom Peede—Grace
Alton R. Vincent—Greenville
A. L. Morris—Gum Swamp
R. E. Hart—Harrell's Chapel
Nathan E. Eason—Hope
Carl Cobb—Howell Swamp
Ray Shepherd—Hugo
H. B. Hill—Hull Road
Janie H. Baker—King's Cross Roads
Mrs. H. L. Spivey—Maury
Mrs. Daisy Owens—Owen's Chapel
W. L. Langley—Peace
Ernest J. Cassick—Piney Grove
F. McCoy Tripp—Reedy Branch
Felton C. Dunbar—Rocky Mount
M. H. McLawhorn—Rose Hill
Mrs. Albert Proctor—Saratoga
Mrs. Jodie Arnold—Washington

Eastern Conference

W. O. Gaskins—Antioch
Manley F. Springle—Beaufort
Myrtle T. Jarman—Beulaville
C. R. Hedgepeth—British Chapel
Mrs. Flave Mercer—Cabin
Mrs. Liston Parker—Calvary
S. W. McCoy Jr—Core Creek
W. F. Hill—Daley's Chapel
Woodrow Taylor—Deep Run
J. R. Davenport—Eastern Conference
Herbert A. Jones—Eastern Conference
J. J. Blizzard—Eastern Conference
J. J. Benson—Eastern Conference
Ernest Cutler—Ephesus
M. F. Duff—Folkstone
Mrs. Clyde J. Banks—Friendship
Mrs. I. O. Dixon—Grant's Chapel
Mark Smith—Gray Branch
Mrs. Alton Mason—Harker's Island
Ray Gardner—Holly Springs
Mrs. Rupert Hill—Indian Springs
Mrs. J. K. Rhodes—Jacksonville
Brooks Owens—Kinston
Richard Pickett—Lanier Chapel
Jonas Dail—Long Ridge
Robert J. Overmon—May's Chapel
Mrs. Seldon Bullard—Morehead City

W. A. Jarmon—Mt. Zion
W. L. Tadlock—North East
Mrs. H. B. Golden Sr.—Otway
George Buck—Palmetto Chapel
Mrs. Herman Quinn—Pearsall Chapel
Mrs. George Westbrook—Rooty Branch
Mrs. J. C. Griffin—Ruth's Chapel
Edward D. Basden—Sandy Plain
Harold J. Dunn—Sarecta
Mrs. J. J. Blizzard—Smith's New Home
W. C. Hill—Snow Hill
Mrs. W. J. Gaskins—St. Mary's
Arabe Mills—Union Chapel
B. M. Taylor—Verona
H. R. Rice—Warden Grove
Cain Taylor—Whaley's Chapel
Mrs. C. W. Wood—White Oak Grove
W. A. Wood—Wintergreen
Mrs. J. R. Davenport—Woodington

Piedmont Association

Mrs. William Calvert—Ben Avenue
Mrs. Roy Rikard—Cramerton
Mrs. Ralph Staten—Goshen

Western Conference

J. C. Barnes—Barnes Hill
J. L. Capps—Black Jack
Paul Dunn—Branch Chapel
Bill Christy—Elwood Lane
L. V. Williford—Edgemont
W. E. Bissette—Flood's Chapel
H. C. Morgan—Free Union
C. Marvin Atkinson—Holly Springs
Gray L. Boswell—Little Rock
Howard V. Moore—King's Chapel
J. B. Hunt—Marsh Swamp
H. J. Corbett—Micro
Russell Lee Taylor—Milbournie
F. H. Boykin—Mt. Zion
R. Avery Sasser Sr.—Piney Grove
T. L. Parnell—Pleasant Grove
Fred H. Davis—Pine Level
Mrs. Clarence Bunn—Pleasant Hill
N. C. Brown—Pleasant Plain
James H. Bridgen—Rose Bud
George Parrish—Selma
Mrs. J. C. Forehand—Sherron Acres

W. N. Parrish—Stancil Chapel
Guy M. Pate—Stoney Creek
Bruce Ford—St. Mary
C. S. Edwards—Tippett's Chapel
Oscar Hinton—White Oak Hill
W. P. Burns—Wilson
Mrs. W. T. Pittman—Western Conference
Mrs. Lloyd Edwards—Western Conference

PROCEEDINGS

The special session of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists met at Mount Olive Junior College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, on January 31, 1958.

The congregation sang "All Hail the Power" and "Onward Christian Soldiers." The Rev. R. H. Jackson led the congregation in prayer.

The vice-president of the State Convention, the Reverend Herman Hersey, called the session to order. The secretary, Michael Pelt, read the Scripture from John 8:31, 32. The Reverend N. Bruce Barrow, president of the convention, gave a devotional thought, challenging us to dedicate ourselves to Christ and the truth as it is revealed in Him.

Mr. A. B. Bryan, mayor of Mount Olive, addressed the convention, welcoming us to Mount Olive.

The College Chorus sang a special number called, "Jesu, Joyaunce of My Heart." David Charles Hansley sang two selections from the Oratorio "Elijah." The chorus then sang the Mount Olive College Alma Mater. The Congregation then stood and sang the Alma Mater, conducted by the College Chorus. This was the first time that the Alma Mater was presented to a public audience.

The president of the convention then introduced the speaker for this session of the convention, Mr. J. W. Batten, principal of the Micro High School, Micro, North Carolina, and chairman of the board of deacons of the Micro Free Will Baptist Church. Mr. Batten spoke to the convention setting forth the need for higher education for our young people and for our denomination. He challenged Free Will Baptists of this convention to meet this increasing demand through our generous support of Mount Olive College.

The congregation sang "Lead On, O King Eternal."

The president presented the Reverend D. W. Hansley, chairman of the board of trustees of the college, who spoke to us briefly on the history of the college. He in turn presented the Reverend M. L. Johnson, treasurer of the college. Brother Johnson gave a report of financial progress made by Mount Olive College during its brief history. This report is as follows. (See report.)

The Reverend W. B. Raper, president of the college, spoke to the convention on the *needs and opportunities* of Mount Olive Junior College in the field of Christian higher education. The theme of his message was "Our Finest Crop."

An offering was received for the college in the amount of \$300.00. The prayer of dedication was offered by the Reverend Herman Hersey. The convention that adjourned for the lunch hour.

Lunch

The session reconvened after lunch, and the congregation sang "Faith of Our Fathers."

Brother F. McCoy Tripp, a member of Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church, read from 1 Corinthians 3:5-11 and offered a prayer.

The following laymen presented their views on Christian higher education as it relates to Mount Olive College: Mr. Wade Stephenson of Hopewell Church, Mrs. James Hunt of Marsh Swamp Church, George Stevenson, a student of the college and a member of the Kinston Church, and the Reverend Melvin Everington, an alumnus of the college and present pastor of Daniel's Chapel Church.

Mr. Hardy Talton, a member of the Pleasant Grove Church, gave a ten minute talk on "How to Conduct a Financial Drive in the Local Church."

It was moved and carried that the financial goals as outlined in "A Challenge for Christian Higher Education" be adopted as a minimum between now and December 31, 1961. (See financial goals outlined below.)

It was moved and carried that the plan of procedure as outlined in the program be adopted. (See plan of procedure below.)

It was moved and carried that the State Convention officially request the co-operation of the State Sunday School Convention, State League Convention, State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, the various conferences, associations, union meetings, pastors and local churches of the state in conducting the campaign for Mount Olive Junior College.

It was moved and carried that the State Convention go on record as endorsing the concept that Mount Olive Junior College be made a citadel for liberal arts education in keeping with the highest Christian and academic standards.

It was moved and carried that the convention give a rising vote of thanks to the college administration, the board of trustees, and all the friends of the college for a splendid job done.

It was moved and carried that the executive committee approve the minutes of this session.

It was moved and carried that the convention adjourn this special session, meeting on January 31, 1958, at Mount Olive Junior College.

"A Challenge for Christian Higher Education"

MOUNT OLIVE JUNIOR COLLEGE

GOALS: EACH YEAR FOR NEXT THREE YEARS (1958-1961)

I. Funds for Operation	\$100,000
A. Faculty	
B. Administration	
C. Staff	
D. Rent	
E. Library	
F. Laboratory	
G. Maintenance	
H. School Supplies	
I. Debt Retirement	

J. Printing and Promotion	
K. Food, Utilities	
L. Other Operational Expense	
II. Endowment	10,000
III. Student Loan Funds	4,000
IV. Scholarships	4,000
V. New Buildings and Campus Development	50,000
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Annual Need	\$168,000
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Total for Three Years	\$504,000

PLAN OF PROCEDURE

As authorized by the Board of Directors

I. Organization: College Administration in Charge

A. Advisory Committee Composed of Representatives from

1. College Board of Directors
2. State Convention of Churches
3. State Sunday School Convention
4. State Woman's Auxiliary Convention
5. State League Convention

B. District Organization

1. Conference or Association
2. Meeting with District Leaders: Laymen and Ministers
(Union Meeting Level or Otherwise)
3. Training of Workers
4. Solicitation

II. Educational Campaign to Better Inform People

A. Church Periodicals

B. Press, Radio, Television

C. Printed Matter from the College

D. College Representative at Denominational Assemblies

1. Conferences
2. Associations
3. Conventions
4. Union Meetings
5. Ministers Meetings
6. Others

E. Visitation of Local Churches

F. Programs in Local Civic and Fraternal Organizations

G. Visitation in Other States

III. Sequence of Solicitation

A. Special Gifts

B. Individual Canvass

- C. Church Organizations
 - 1. Sunday School
 - 2. League
 - 3. Woman's Auxiliary
 - 4. Other Organizations
- D. Church Budgets

MOUNT OLIVE JUNIOR COLLEGE

Total Receipts and Disbursements: September 1, 1951—December 31, 1957

RECEIPTS:

Total Gifts from Free Will Baptists	\$147,929.28
Gifts from Friends:	
Mount Olive and Community	\$32,414.86
Goldsboro and Community	16,758.16
Other Communities	3,235.68
	52,408.70
Total Gifts from Friends	52,408.70
Received from Student Accounts	92,408.10
Received from Other Sources	9,229.89
	\$301,975.97
Total Received	\$301,975.97
Funds Received from Loans	23,195.00
	\$325,170.97

Total to Account For

DISBURSEMENTS:

Disbursed for Operations, Etc.	\$224,283.85
Disbursed for Payments on Loans	11,245.00
Disbursed for Capital Outlay	88,624.33
	324,153.18
Total Disbursed	324,153.18

Balance December 31, 1957 (General Fund) \$ 1,017.79

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS: As of December 31, 1957

FIXED PROPERTIES:

Land	\$ 48,914.45
Buildings	44,249.91
Equipment	35,170.22
Planning Cost (Future Expansion)	500.00
	\$128,834.58
Total Fixed Properties	\$128,834.58
Appraised Value of Library Books	22,731.90
Investments (Endowments)	17,433.00
Other Assets	6,049.54
	\$175,049.02
Total Assets	\$175,049.02

M. L. Johnson, Treasurer

MOUNT OLIVE JUNIOR COLLEGE

COMPARATIVE REPORT: Last half of 1957 and 1956

INCOME:	1957	1956		
Eastern District	\$ 8,392.63	\$ 7,718.83		
Central District	8,502.53	7,545.21		
Western District	6,469.60	5,455.15		
Cape Fear District	2,346.76	1,730.92		
Albemarle District	247.42	254.54		
Pee Dee District	172.82	30.00		
Blue Ridge District	119.13	60.51		
French Broad District	12.81	9.65		
Piedmont District	108.26			
State Wide Bodies	942.62	1,290.31		
Other States	526.93	335.50	1957	1956
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Totals by Free Will Baptists	\$27,841.51	\$24,430.62	\$27,841.51	\$24,430.62
Friends:				
Mount Olive	\$ 8,017.12	\$ 7,732.02		
Goldsboro	4,158.33	5,598.83		
Others	165.00	440.00		
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Total by Friends	\$12,340.45	\$13,770.85	12,340.45	13,770.85
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Total Gifts			\$40,181.96	\$38,201.47
Student Income			19,277.70	15,848.92
All Other Income			3,888.69	362.01
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Total Income			\$63,348.35	\$54,412.40
INCREASE AND DECREASE for 1957				
Increase in Gifts from Free Will Baptists			\$3,410.89	
Decrease in Gifts from Friends			1,430.40	
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Net Increase in Gifts				\$1,980.49
Increase in Student Income				3,428.78
Increase in Other Income				3,526.68
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Net Increase in Total Income				\$8,935.95
DISBURSEMENTS	1957	1956	Increase *	Decrease **
Salaries	\$29,752.61	\$20,393.02	*\$9,359.59	
Capital Outlay	15,624.22	19,296.52	**\$3,672.30	
All Other Disbursements	17,767.46	19,594.40	**\$1,826.94	
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Total Disbursements	\$63,144.29	\$59,283.94		

Total Increase in Disbursements 1957 \$3,860.35

During the last half of 1957 the per member giving, based on the latest available figures on membership, to the college, for the four largest conferences was as follows:

Central—.85½c
Eastern—85½c

Western—.79c
Cape Fear—.57½c

M. L. Johnson, Treasurer

PLEDGES Made During Campaign of 1956

BY FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Conference	Number Churches Represented	Number Pledges	Total Pledged	Average Pledge
Albemarle	1	4	\$ 210.00	\$52.50
Blue Ridge	1	1	60.00	60.00
Cape Fear	13	85	5,580.50	65.65
Central	21	252	24,226.50	96.13
Eastern	31	294	25,061.50	85.24
Western	19	171	22,001.50	128.60
State of Virginia	1	1	12.00	12.00
Totals for Free Will Baptists	87	808	\$77,152.00	\$95.36

BY FRIENDS:

Mount Olive & Community	439	\$55,349.50	\$126.08
Goldsboro & Community	240	36,309.00	151.27
Other Communities	23	1,857.00	80.73

Total by Friends 702 \$93,515.50 \$133.21

Grand Totals (All Pledges) 1510 \$170,667.50 \$113.01
Paid on Pledges to Date Approximately: \$60,000.00

In addition to the above pledges for cash the following amounts were pledged for trust funds and endowments, to be established through issue of stock and deposit of trust fund.

Endowment Stocks	\$10,400.00
Trust Fund	12,500.00
Total	\$22,900.00

M. L. Johnson, Treasurer